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San Francisco Youth Commission

Monday, January 4, 2009 2010

5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

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5. Staff Report

6. New Business

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C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Update on HOPE SF(Kaila Price) (Document C)

D. *Discussion and Possible Action:* How does environmentalism relate to juvenile justice? A Presentation from Bay Localize

E. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to Adopt New Lunch Policies for High Schools (Commissioner Jones) (Document D)

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8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

9. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order
Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Commissioners present: Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Hirano, Guerra, Davidson, Quintero, Quesada, Ellington (arrived at 5:40pm).

Commissioners absent: Carlson, A. Chan, LaCroix, Escamilla, Williams

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Chair Quesada moved to place item 6A before the staff report, seconded by Commissioner Jones. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2009, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
There was none.

5. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* A Presentation on the Student Assignment System in San Francisco Public Schools (Orla O'Keefe, Gentle Blythe, Heidi Anderson) (Document A)

Orla O'Keefe, Special Assistant to the Superintendant of the San Francisco Unified School District, explained the SFUSD's desire to redesign the District's student assignment process. To quote from the SFUSD's website that describes this project:

"In response to the concerns about the current student assignment system, and as part of implementing its Strategic Plan, the San Francisco Board of Education established three priorities for a new student assignment system and established measures for evaluating different options.

The Board's Priorities are: 1) Reverse the trend of racial isolation and the concentration of underserved students in the same school; 2) provide equitable access to the range of opportunities offered to students; and 3) provide transparency at every stage of the assignment process."

Commissioners Hirano, Jones, Guerra, and Ellington asked clarifying questions.

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Update on San Francisco Wellness Initiative and the City Budget (Stacey Blankenbaker) (Document B)

Stacey Blankenbaker, manager of the Wellness Initiative, explained to commissioners the history of the Wellness Centers—behavioral health clinics currently located in 15 SFUSD middle and high schools. The Centers grew out of youth advocacy by organizations like Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth and the Youth Commission of the late 1990s.

Stacey also explained that the City funds up to 5 Wellness Centers through monies set aside through the Public Education Enrichment Fund (also known as Proposition H), a fund created by San Francisco voters in 2004 to give money to the School District. Unfortunately, these 5 Wellness Centers are at risk of closing—perhaps not next academic year, but the following one—because of the City's budget deficit.

Commissioners Jones, Quintero and Marshall-Fricker asked questions regarding, respectively, federal funding, Wellness Centers at middle schools and the need to urge the City to continue supporting Wellness Centers with Proposition H money.

C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Update on HOPE SF (Kaila Price) (Document C)

Kaila Price was not present.

D. *Discussion and Possible Action:* How does environmentalism relate to juvenile justice? A Presentation from Bay Localize

Kirsten Schwind, Program Director of Bay Localize, an environmental justice-focused nonprofit, argued that climate change and youth justice are closely related. She mentioned and provided commissioners a copy of Bay Localized's "Community Resilience Toolkit."

Commissioners Ellington and Jones asked clarifying questions.

E. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to Adopt New Lunch Policies for High Schools (Commissioner Jones) (Document D)

Commissioner Jones read his resolution into the public record. It calls on the SFUSD to allow students time to eat their breakfast and lunch during the first periods immediately after those meals.

After some conversation, Commissioner Jones said that he would be forwarding his resolution to the Education and Employment committee for redrafting.

6. Old Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Update on Supervisor Eric Mar's ordinance prohibiting Owner-Move-In Evictions of Families (Commissioner LaCroix)

In Commissioner LaCroix's absence, Chair Quesada explained that the ordinance that the Commission voted to support on August 17, 2009 was finally going back to the full Board of Supervisors after many amendments in committee.

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7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Mario Yedidia explained that the Youth Commission would be having its midyear retreat this coming weekend, January 16-17, at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth in the Excelsior District of San Francisco, 459 Vienna Street, San Francisco, CA.

Chair Quesada encouraged people to come to the School of the Arts' media night on Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15—where his video art and that of Commissioner Hirano would be shown.

8. Adjournment

Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.

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Special Meeting – Mid Year Retreat
Saturday, January 16, 2010: 2:00pm-5:00pm
Sunday, January 17, 2010: 9:00am-12:00pm

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Location:
Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth
459 Vienna Street (at Persia)
San Francisco, CA 94112

There will be public comment on each item.

Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:00pm-5:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
4. New Business
   A. *Discussion and possible action:* A presentation on Social Justice and San Francisco History by Nancy Hernandez
   B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* A Workshop on Writing Resolutions
5. Announcements (This includes Community Events)
6. Adjournment

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Sunday, January 17, 2010, 9:00am-12:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
4. New Business
   A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Workshop on the Youth Commission's upcoming forums relating to Youth Justice, Health and Wellness, Land Use and City Services, and Education and Employment
   B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Workshop on the Youth Commission's Budget Advocacy for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011
7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

8. Adjournment

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C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution Concerning MUNI Fare Increases and a Youth Lifeline Fast Pass (Commissioners LaCroix, Liang)

D. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Referred Legislation from the Board of Supervisors File No. 090931 [Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Enclosed Areas, Certain Unenclosed Areas, and Sports Stadiums]

Ordinance amending Articles 19F and 19G of the San Francisco Health Code by amending Sections 1009.20, 1009.21, 1009.22, 1009.23, 1009.25, and 1009.81, adding Sections 1009.26,1009.27, 1009.29, 1009.30, 1009.31, and 1009.32, and repealing Section 1009.24, to update findings and prohibit smoking in: 1) business establishments and bars regardless of whether owner-operated, 2) common areas of multi-unit housing complexes, 3) tourist lodging facilities,4) tobacco shops, 5) charity bingo games, 6) unenclosed dining areas of restaurants, 7) service waiting areas, 8) areas outside entrances, exits and operable windows and vents of all buildings except at the curb of the nearest street, sidewalk or alley, 9) farmers markets, and 10) vehicles owned by the City and County of San Francisco; establishing obligations for property owners and managers to prevent smoking in prohibited areas; adding administrative procedures and penalties; deleting criminal penalties; adding provisions for cost recovery and liens; and making conforming changes in the Health Code.

E. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Referred Legislation from the Board of Supervisors File No. 091433 [Charter Amendment Reducing Employer Retirement Benefit Costs] (Supervisor Sean Elsbernd; Aides Olivia Scanlon, Alex Volberding, Aides to Supervisor Elsbernd; Robert Haaland, SEIU Local 1021)

F. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on the Chinese Community Health Resource Center's Online Anti-Bullying Campaign (Joyce Chen)

G. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Referred Legislation from the Board of Supervisors File No. 100054 [Ordinance Concerning Workforce Development—Public Service Academies] (Jeremy Pollock, Aide to Supervisor Mirkarimi)

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Sections 30.30 through 30.35, to establish public safety and public health training programs for San Francisco Unified School District high school students.

7. Old Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Update on Resolution Urging Every City Department to Support YouthWorks Interns, passed by the Youth Commission on December 21, 2009 (Commissioner Guerra)

B. *2nd Reading:* Resolution Urging the Board of Education to Expand the Number of Pathways and Academies in the SFUSD in conjunction with coordinated school-to-career efforts with City College and the City and County of San Francisco (Commissioner Guerra)

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

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Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

Commissioners present: Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Carlson, A. Chan, Hirano, Vasquez, Williams, Guerra, Quintero, Davidson, LaCroix, Ellington, Quesada.
Commissioners absent: None.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ellington. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Commissioner Liang moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2009, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
Ace Washington, a self-described historian, videographer, journalist and longtime Western Addition activist, talked about both his own accomplishments and his desire to involve young people in politics and journalism in San Francisco City government. He requested to be put on agenda for the Commission's subsequent meeting.

5. Staff Report
The staff announced that the Board of Supervisors' Budget & Finance Committee would be hearing the preliminary budget of the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) for fiscal year 2010-2011 this Wednesday, February 3, and that the Select City and School District Committee would be holding a hearing regarding better coordination between RPD and the SFUSD. Commissioners were invited to come give public comment on these items based on the resolutions previously passed by the Commission.

The staff also announced that the School District task force on Restorative Justice, which the Youth Commission voted in support of creating, would begin meeting the next Wednesday evening (i.e., February 2, 2010).

6. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* A Presentation on HOPE SF's Youth Leadership Academy (Kaila Price, Maurita Dunphy, Mayor's Office of Housing) *Documents A, B*

Ms. Price explained the conceptual genesis, the funding sources and overall vision of HOPE SF, which is a massive public-private partnership to redevelop San Francisco's most distressed public housing sites and convert them into mixed-income communities.

Ms. Dunphy explained that the Mayor's Office of Housing had secured funding for a Youth Leadership Academy, which would provide young people living in the first four housing developments slated for renovation with training in urban planning and give them access to being a part of re-envisioning of their communities.

Both Ms. Dunphy and Ms. Price asked the Youth Commission to help them try to recruit said young people. Ms. Price also offered to take as many Youth Commissioners as possible on a tour of the HOPE SF sites.

Commissioners Jones, LaCroix, Ellington and Quesada asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Zack Dellé, a senior at Balboa High School, asked a clarifying question.

D. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Referred Legislation from the Board of Supervisors File No. 091443 [Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Enclosed Areas, Certain Unenclosed Areas, and Sports Stadiums] *Document E*
Ordinance amending Articles 19F and 19G of the San Francisco Health Code by amending Sections 1009.20, 1009.21, 1009.22, 1009.23, 1009.25, and 1009.81, adding Sections 1009.26,1009.27, 1009.29, 1009.30, 1009.31, and 1009.32, and repealing Section 1009.24, to update findings and prohibit smoking in: 1) business establishments and bars regardless of whether owner-operated, 2) common areas of multi-unit housing complexes, 3) tourist lodging facilities,4) tobacco shops, 5) charity bingo games, 6) unenclosed dining areas of restaurants, 7) service waiting areas, 8) areas outside entrances, exits and operable windows and vents of all buildings except at the curb of the nearest street, sidewalk or alley, 9) farmers markets, and 10) vehicles owned by the City and County of San Francisco; establishing obligations for property owners and managers to prevent smoking in prohibited areas; adding administrative procedures and penalties; deleting criminal penalties; adding provisions for cost recovery and liens; and making conforming changes in the Health Code.

Commissioner Deng gave an overview of the ordinance, which seeks to ban smoking in a number of private areas—including owner-operated bars, stadiums, near windows—where numerous people gather. Lin-Shao Chin, legislative aide to Supervisor Mar, answered questions from commissioners Jones, Ellington, Guerra, Liang and Vasquez.

Public Comment: Zack Dellé.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to support the proposed ordinance, seconded by Deng. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

The Commission voted to support the proposed ordinance by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Carlson, A. Chan, Hirano, Vasquez, Guerra, Quintero, Davidson, LaCroix, Ellington, Quesada; No's—Marshall-Fricker, Williams.

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on Health Care Reform and School-Based Health Centers (Shirley Duong and others from the Balboa Teen Health Center) *Document C*

Shirley Duong, Zack Dellé and Wade, all of whom are students at Balboa High School and members of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) of the Balboa Teen Health Center, explained their position on the necessity of federal funding for school-based health centers.

They asked the Youth Commission to send letters of support to local, state and federal elected officials that encourage these representatives to pressure the House of Representatives and Senate leadership to include support for school-based health centers in any national healthcare reform legislation.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motioned to support the effort of the YAB, seconded by commissioner Jones. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution Concerning Muni Fare Increases and a Youth Lifeline Fast Pass (Commissioners LaCroix, Liang) *Document D*

Commissioner Liang introduced the resolution and read it into the public record. LaCroix and Liang then emphasized the two main thrusts of the resolution: (1) that the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) not raise the price of the Youth, Senior and Disabled fast pass to $30 a month (as the MTA has proposed doing beginning April 1, 2010 in order to close its $16.9 million shortfall for the current fiscal year) and (2) that the MTA create and implement a new, discounted fast pass (to be sold at half the price of the regular Youth fast pass fare) for low-income youth who qualify for free and reduced lunch beginning in the fall of 2010.

After some discussion, Commissioner LaCroix explained the urgency of the situation: given that the MTA would be considering its mid-year reduction strategies shortly (February 16), she encouraged the Youth Commission to consider suspending its rules of order and voting on the resolution at its first reading. Commissioner Guerra motioned to suspend the rules and vote on the resolution at its first reading, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Hirano motioned to amend the resolution by moving the whereas clause beginning on page 2 line 17 to below the whereas clause beginning on page 2 line 20. This motion was seconded by commissioner Liang and passed unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Guerra motioned to support the amended resolution, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. The commission voted to support the resolution by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Carlson, A. Chan, Hirano, Vasquez, Williams, Guerra, Quintero, Davidson, LaCroix, Ellington, Quesada. No's—none.

C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Referred Legislation from the Board of Supervisors File No. 091433 [Charter Amendment Reducing Employer Retirement Benefit Costs] *Document* F
(Supervisor Sean Elsbernd; Aides Olivia Scanlon, Alex Volberding, Aides to Supervisor Elsbernd; Robert Haaland, SEIU Local 1021)

Supervisor Elsbernd introduced his proposed Charter amendment by explaining what a pension is—i.e., an arrangement made by employers to provide retired employees with income after they have

stopped working—and providing some background on the growing magnitude of the City's pension debts (which the Controller estimates will total some $650 million a year by fiscal year 2013-2014).

Supervisor Elsbernd argued that his proposed Charter amendment was a very modest proposal that would not affect a single current City employee. In general, the Charter amendment would do two things: (1) create a set-aside fund dedicated to paying the City's pension debts, and (2) require all new city employees hired from July 1, 2010 onward to contribute 7.5% of their salaries to their pensions and set their pension based on their pay for the final three years of their career (as opposed to the final year).

In the absence of SEIU Political Director Robert Haaland, Supervisor Elsbernd "put on the hat of his opponent"—i.e., the labor unions who have advocated against the proposed Charter amendment—and explained that the labor unions believe that the amendment would create serious morale problems for current City employees (though, again, the Charter amendment would not affect any current City employees).

Commissioners Liang, Quesada, Marshall-Fricker, Jones and Deng made comments and asked questions.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motioned to support the proposed Charter amendment, seconded by commissioner Hirano. This motion passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Carlson, A. Chan, Hirano, Vasquez, Williams, Guerra, Quintero, Davidson, LaCroix, Quesada; No's—Ellington.

After Commissioner Ellington's protestations against the Commission's taking of a position on this issue—he argued that the proposed Charter amendment was too complicated for most of the youth commissioners to understand, and moreover that it was largely unrelated to youth—Commissioner Jones moved to rescind the previous vote, seconded by Liang. This motion failed by the following vote: Ayes—Deng, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, Williams, Quintero, Davidson, Ellington, Quesada; No's—Marshall-Fricker, Carlson, Vasquez, Guerra.

Chair Quesada motioned to include in the Youth Commission's memo (i.e., to include the permanent file that will accompany the Commission's position on the referred legislation) a suggestion that the Charter amendment be amended in that it also "Make an attempt to create parity or equity amongst all City employees with respect to retirement age"—because currently public safety employees are generally granted retirement with a full pension earlier than other City employees. This motion was seconded by commissioner LaCroix, and it failed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Williams, LaCroix, Quesada; No's—J. Chan, Jones, Carlson, Hirano, Vasquez, Guerra, Quintero, Davidson, Ellington.

F. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on the Chinese Community Health Resource Center's (CCHRC) Online Anti-Bullying Campaign (Joyce Chen)

Joyce Chen discussed CCHRC as an institution and explained the commission's previous collaboration with CCHRC on the "Art of Mind" project, which was a creative, arts-based health-focused needs assessment of San Francisco youth produced in 2008-2009. She presented a new possible project on which CCHRC and the Youth Commission could collaborate: the construction of a website and awareness campaign concerning the problem of teenage bullying.

Commissioner Quesada moved to support the CCHRC's anti-bullying project, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

7. Old Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Update on Resolution Urging Every City Department to Support YouthWorks Interns, passed by the Youth Commission on December 21, 2009 (Commissioner Guerra)

Commissioner Guerra reminded the commission about this resolution (passed by the Youth Commission in December of 2009) which calls on all City departments to contribute a modest amount to housing YouthWorks interns in their offices. She also explained that she met with Supervisor Avalos and that he has expressed his interest in carrying the resolution.

B. *2nd Reading:* Resolution Urging the Board of Education to Expand the Number of Pathways and Academies in the SFUSD in conjunction with coordinated school-to-career efforts with City College and the City and County of San Francisco (Commissioner Guerra) *Document H*

Commissioner Guerra reintroduced her resolution, which calls on the SFUSD, City College and the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development to coordinate their efforts and build a robust school-to-career pipeline for native San Franciscans.

Commissioner LaCroix motioned to support the resolution, seconded by commissioner Carlson. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Referred Legislation from the Board of Supervisors File No. 100054 [Ordinance Concerning Workforce Development—Public Service *Document G*
Academies] (Jeremy Pollock, Aide to Supervisor Mirkarimi)
Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Sections 30.30 through 30.35, to establish public safety and public health training programs for San Francisco Unified School District high school students.

Peter Lauterborn, Youth Commission staff, explained that this proposed ordinance sponsored by Supervisor Mirkarimi seeks to create and implement a modest portion of Commissioner Guerra's resolution which was just passed the Commission in the previous item. Peter also explained that Supervisor Mirkarimi has been in close communication with the Youth Commission as he develops and amends this proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to support the proposed ordinance, seconded by commissioner Ellington. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)
Nayad Abrahamian and Julia Sabory explained a community mapping process.

Monica Guerra explained that she would be resigning the Youth Commission for personal reasons.

Felix Deng announced that Project Homeless Connect wants young people to help plan their events and that any interested parties could contact him.

Commissioners Carlson and Hirano announced that the Youth Justice forum would occur Wednesday, February 3 at 9am at SF State University—the conference is entitled "Know Justice," and is a collaborative effort between the Commission, the Center for Young Women's Development and United Playaz.

9. Adjournment

Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.

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Notice of Cancellation

The San Francisco Youth Commission

Meeting of February 16, 2010

has been cancelled.

The Commission will meet next

Monday, February 1, 2010

5:30pm-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

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1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

5. Staff Report

6. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on Youth Engagement in Civic Life and City Politics

Presenter: Ace Washington, journalist

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on the Census 2010 in San Francisco

Presenter: Adrienne Pon, Executive Director, Office of Civic Engagement, City Administrator

C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors

Proposed ordinance file no. 100103

[Prohibition on Tobacco Sales Within 1,000 Feet of a School]

(Mayor Newsom)

Possible Presenter: Matt Rozen & youth leaders, Youth Leadership Institute

Possible Presenter: Jason Elliott, Policy Advisor to Mayor Newsom

D. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors

Proposed resolution file no. 100053

[Accepting a gift to the Recreation and Park Department of synthetic turf athletic fields valued at approximately $6,000,000 from the City Fields Foundation.]

(Supervisors Mar, Campos, Chu, Chiu, Elsbernd, Alioto-Pier, Dufty

Possible Presenter: Cassandra Costello & Lin-Shao Chin, Legislative Aides, Office of Supervisor Eric Mar

E. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors

Proposed hearing file no. 100158

[Hearing on the Juvenile Probation Department's status regarding the implementation of Ordinance No. 228-09 on the Confidentiality of Juveniles' Immigration Status, which the Board of Supervisors passed on November 10, 2009.]

F. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution 09-10AL09

In Support of the March 4 Demonstration for Education Justice

Presenter & Author: Commissioner LaCroix

7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

8. Adjournment

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SF Youth Commission

San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, March 1, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order
Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Commissioners present: Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, A. Chan, Hirano, Williams, Davidson, Quesada
Commissioners tardy: Jones, Carlson, Quintero, LaCroix
Commissioners Absent: Vasquez (excused), Ellington (excused)

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Liang moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Williams. This motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2010, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. This motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
After soliciting public comment and seeing no one come forward, Chair Quesada closed public comment.

5. Staff Report
Chair Quesada and Commissioner Jones updated their colleagues on the Youth Commission's successful lobbying of the Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors. After massive youth (and senior and disabled) turnout to meeting on February 23 and 26, the Board voted against raising the price of the Youth Fast Pass to $30/month. Chair Quesada and Commissioner Jones also reminded the commission that it will be important to lobby the MTA Board in the coming months in order to compel the Board to create and implement a Youth Lifeline Pass along the lines of what was called for in Youth Commission resolution 09-10AL07.

6. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on Youth Engagement in Civic Life and City Politics
Presenter: Ace Washington, journalist

Mr. Washington, a journalist, longtime activist in city politics and Western Addition resident, invited the commissioners to get involved in a "youth-driven," Western Addition-based, civic engagement program that would involve youth in the political and democratic process in local politics. Commissioners Quesada and Jones asked clarifying questions and thanked Mr. Washington.

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on the Census 2010 in San Francisco
Presenter: Adrienne Pon, Executive Director, Office of Civic Engagement, City Administrator

Ms. Pon explained the importance of all San Franciscans being counted in the 2010 census. The number of people counted will determine the amount of federal dollars San Franciscans—including young San Franciscans, particularly with respect to college grants and loans—receive over the course of the next decade.

Priscilla Olivas, deputy to Ms. Pon, provided the commissioners with a brief overview of the youth-focused outreach that the City is trying to do.

Chair Quesada encouraged Ms. Pon and Ms. Olivas to contact him and Commissioner Hirano (both of whom are film and video students at School of the Arts) should the Office of Civic Engagement wish to use video as a medium to reach out to young people.

C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
Proposed ordinance file no. 100103
[Prohibition on Tobacco Sales Within 1,000 Feet of a School]
(Mayor Newsom)
Presenter: Matt Rosen & youth leaders, Tobacco Use Reduction Force, Youth Leadership Institute
Presenter: Jason Elliott, Policy Advisor to Mayor Newsom
Documents A, B, C

Mr. Elliott provided a general overview of the ordinance-in-question, speaking to both the policy the law attempts to enact, as well as genesis of the particular ordinance itself. To wit, Mr. Elliott explained that after close consultation with the Department of Public Health, Mayor Newsom decided that a significant reduction in youth tobacco use could be effected by limiting the existence of cigarette vendors in close proximity (namely, 1,000 feet) to school sites, given that there is much data which demonstrates that many youth smokers purchase tobacco near their schools. As an example of the ease with which minors can currently access tobacco, Mr. Elliott mentioned that in a self-reported survey of San Francisco store owners, 13.2% of respondents admitted to selling tobacco to under-age youth.

Commissioners Carlson, Hirano, Jones and Chair Quesada asked clarifying questions regarding what the proposed ordinance would do with respect to already-existing stores within 1,000 feet of a school site.

Subsequently, Fahad Qurashi, a former staff member at the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI), and members of YLI's Tobacco Use Reduction Force (TURF), spoke. They commended Mayor Newsom for taking on the issue of youth tobacco use and consumption. However, these speakers made it clear that in their estimation, Mayor Newsom's proposed ordinance does not go far enough—TURF is against, for example, allowing existing stores to transfer tobacco licenses to family members, an eventuality which the proposed ordinance would permit. In fact, as the Commissioners well know (the Youth Commission voted to endorse TURF's agenda during the 2008-2009 term), TURF's policy recommendations concerning youth smoking are different than that of Mayor Newsom: as opposed to limiting tobacco vendors' proximity to schools, TURF wants to limit the number of tobacco licenses per supervisorial district.

Commissioners Jones, LaCroix, Deng and Chair Quesada asked clarifying questions.

At public comment, Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director of the Office of Small Business, explained that though her office has yet to take an official position on this proposed ordinance, she is confident that

the Mayor's legislation (as opposed to TURF's recommendations) are more along the lines of what her office would support. She reminded everyone that corner stores are not owned by evil people; that tobacco retailers have families and they sell a legal (if unhealthy and "despicable") product. There is already significant yearly attrition, Ms. Dick-Endrizzi explained with the aid of a memo containing data from the Department of Public Health, in the number of tobacco licenses. Ms. Dick-Endrizzi urged the commission to support the proposed ordinance.

There was discussion between and among commissioners Carlson, Jones, LaCroix and Deng.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to support the proposed ordinance, seconded by Carlson. The motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Carlson, A. Chan, Hirano, Williams, Quintero, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada

D. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
Proposed resolution file no. 100053
[Accepting a gift to the Recreation and Park Department of synthetic turf athletic fields valued at approximately $6,000,000 from the City Fields Foundation.]
(Supervisors Mar, Campos, Chu, Chiu, Elsbernd, Alioto-Pier, Dufty)
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Chair Quesada introduced this item by hazarding that the Youth Commission has already weighed in—twice—on the issue of the installation of artificial turf in San Francisco's parks. He argued that the Commission has effectively belabored this issue and, thus, perhaps shouldn't take a position on this referred legislation.

After discussion among and between Hirano, Carlson, Marshall-Fricker, Jones, Deng, Quintero and Chair Quesada, commissioner Hirano moved to support the proposed ordinance, seconded by Carlson. This motion failed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Carlson, Williams; No's—Deng, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, Quintero, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada.

Thus, the commission took no stance on this referred legislation.

E. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
Proposed hearing file no. 100158
[Hearing on the Juvenile Probation Department's status regarding the implementation of Ordinance No. 228-09 on the Confidentiality of Juveniles' Immigration Status, which the Board of Supervisors passed on November 10, 2009.]
Documents E, F

Julia Sabory, Youth Commission Director, provided background on this hearing: Supervisor Campos wants to know why the Juvenile Probation Department is not enforcing the law (which the commission supported and wrote a resolution on) prohibiting agents from referring undocumented youth charged with felonies to Immigration and Customs Enforcement until the young person in question is convicted of a felony.

Marshall-Fricker moved to support the hearing, seconded by Hirano. This motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.

F. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution 09-10AL09
In Support of the March 4 Demonstration for Education Justice

Presenter & Author: Commissioner LaCroix
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Commissioner LaCroix read the resolution into the public record.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to suspend the Youth Commission's bylaws to allow the commission to vote on this resolution at its first reading (given that the event which the resolution supports will occur in some four days, before the commission meets again). Commissioner Liang seconded this motion. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Jones moved to support the resolution, seconded by Carlson. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

8. Adjournment

Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Monday, March 15, 2010

5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

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3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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A. Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from Board of Supervisors:
Proposed Ordinance file no. 100233
[Prohibition on sitting or lying on public sidewalks.]
(Mayor, Supervisor Alioto-Pier)
Presenters: Nicholas King, Mayor's Policy Advisor—Public Safety; Youth and Staff, Homeless Youth Alliance; Bob Offer-Westort, Civil Rights Organizer—Coalition on Homelessness

B. Discussion and Possible Action: Resolution 09-10AL10
In Support of Mayor's Legislation Concerning Youth Smoking and the Addition of TURF's Proposed Amendments (Commissioner Deng)
Presenters: Commissioner Deng; Jason Elliott, Mayor's Policy Advisor; Matt Rosen, Luisa Sicairos, Jesus Sicairos, Joshua Pooner, Tobacco Use Reduction Force

C. Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from Board of Supervisors:
Proposed hearing file no. 100159
[San Francisco's New Day for Learning Initiative]
Presenter: Margaret Brodkin, Jamie Harris, New Day for Learning Initiative

7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

8. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order
Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Commissioners present: Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, Quintero, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Ellington

Commissioners tardy: Liang

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Commissioners absent (excused): J. Chan, Williams

Commissioners abse4nt (unexcused): Carlson, Vasquez

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ellington. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2010, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
There was none.

5. Staff Report
Commissioner Ellington announced that the Youth Commission's Juvenile Justice committee would be hosting an informational session at 5pm this upcoming Thursday with representatives the offices of state Senator Leland Yee and assemblyman Tom Ammiano concerning recent statewide legislative developments in the field of juvenile justice.

6. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from Board of Supervisors:
Proposed Ordinance file no. 100233
[Prohibition on sitting or lying on public sidewalks.]
(Mayor, Supervisor Alioto-Pier)
Presenters: Nicholas King, Mayor's Policy Advisor—Public Safety; Youth and Staff, Homeless Youth Alliance; Bob Offer-Westort, Civil Rights Organizer—Coalition on Homelessness

Mr. King (Mayor's Office) introduced this item by explaining that, given the facts that sidewalks are public spaces and that San Francisco is a very dense city, the right of all people to move on and occupy sidewalks without harassment from others is of the utmost importance. Mr. King said that, as a number of news articles in the San Francisco *Chronicle* have described, a significant number of

San Francisco's residents, merchants and visitors have been complaining in recent months of aggressive, abrasive harassment on the part of people sitting and lying on City sidewalks—particularly in the Haight Ashbury neighborhood. Mr. King said there was considerable community support for this proposed ordinance, and he asked the Youth Commission to support it.

Mr. King then laid out the basics of what the law would do: quite simply, the law would make it illegal to sit or lie on public sidewalks between 7am and 11pm. He argued that the aim of the law was not to arrest people, nor to create a new source of City revenue through fines. Rather, Mr. King argued that, if it is passed, the proposed ordinance would be used as "just another tool" among others that are available to San Francisco's public safety officers in the course of their work. Moreover, Mr. King pointed out that written into the ordinance are many exceptions where the law does not apply, including parks, benches, public plazas.

The nearby cities of Palo Alto and Berkeley currently have sit-lie ordinances on the books. Mr. King went on to say. In fact, in a court case decided a few weeks ago, Palo Alto's law, which as initially passed in 1997, was found to be constitutional. –This ruling, along with the fact that the case represented was the first serious challenge in 13 years of the law's existence, suggested that laws like the proposed sit/lie ordinance are reasonable.

Mr. King continued by saying that the proposed ordinance addresses an existing gap in laws regulating the potentially harassing behavior of people sitting and lying on public sidewalks. Police are ultimately, by and large, reasonable, said Mr. King. For example, a driver rarely gets ticketed fo driving 28mph in a 25mph zone. The proposed ordinance, Mr. King said, complements existing Citywide policy on obstruction of public space.

Mr. King concluded by mentioning that Mayor Newsom—in the second to last year of his term—has long supported bolstering the City's robust health & human services sector. For example, the Mayo started Project Homeless Connect. Mr. King urged youth commissioners to recall that at a recent Board of Supervisors Public Safety committee hearing where the possibility of a sit/lie ordinance w discussed, many members of the general public, including residents of the Tenderloin, came to argu in favor of such a law because of how unsafe they feel in their neighborhood.

Commissioner Hirano asked about the potential of this proposed ordinance opening up increased opportunities for harassment, for example, an intensification of racial profiling.

Mr. King responded by asking commissioner Hirano to consider that, after the passage last year of n ordinance that prohibits loitering in front of nightclubs, there have been no citations or arrest for violating this year-old ordinance, because the law is just another tool that allows public safety office to do their job.

Commissioner Jones began by saying he comes from a low-income background and lives in public housing on Divisadero St in the Western Addition where gentrifiers—"folks who live across the street"—don't want him, his family or his community to continue living in their home neighborhood. Jones went on to express his worry that the proposed ordinance would continue such a culture of displacement, though in this case a displacement of homeless people as opposed to African-Americans in the Western Addition. Jones asked about why the Mayor was not presenting legislat n that would expand the kind of homeless services Mr. King mentioned earlier.

Mr. King responded by arguing that the Newsom administration has already created 5,300 units of supportive housing.

Commissioner LaCroix pointed to the technicalities of the ordinance, pointing out that, if approved the law would potentially criminalize people who are homeless or otherwise have nowhere to be indoors; for example, given that City parks close before 11pm and the proposed ordinance would ban sitting or lying on public sidewalks until that hour, where should people go?

Mr. King replied by arguing that considering whether or not to support the proposed sit/lie ordinance doesn't require one to have all the answers to the social problems of marginally housed San Franciscans.

Commissioner LaCroix: countered by respectfully disagreeing and arguing that introducing a punitive and prohibitive law, does behoove the legislator to think about the effects it will have on the populations it will most directly affect.

Commissioners Deng, Quesada and Jones offered clarifying questions.

Bob Offer-Westort (Coalition on Homelessness) then argued that the proposed ordinance criminalizes activities that don't contain criminal or bad intent, including, for example day laborers who sit and wait for work, seniors or those with disabilities, girl scouts selling cookies. Mr. Offer-Westort argued that history should influence youth commissioners to oppose the sit/lie law: he mentioned that San Francisco passed a very similar ordinance in 1968, and that it was repealed because the discretionary powers it gave to police were found to cause problems.

Mr. Offer-Westort continued by stating that the experiences of many homeless people in San Francisco are arguments against granting more discretionary powers to public safety officers. He cited the free legal services that the Coalition on Homelessness' provides to homeless people charged with low level infractions: in the vast majority of cases, the homeless advocates win because police officers' charges are baseless. Mr. Offer-Westort concluded by stating that homeless people's needs are not separate and discrete from the needs of people who are housed.

Dani Riccobuono (Homeless Youth Alliance) said that making it illegal to sit or sleep on the sidewalk is absurd. If passed, the proposed ordinance would affect the most vulnerable people: poor and homeless youth. Ms. Riccobuono urged the Youth Commission to come out against the law. She Mr. King's comments: I don't think police are reasonable; I'm a woman of color; shit, Mr. King is a person of color; this is fucked up.

Justin Castello: Therapist at homeless youth alliance. With respect to shelter beds and "resources" the city provides to the most vulnerable—in this economic climate there's not enough resources. As a therapist, I've worked in the TL, I've worked elsewhere and one thing you need to know is that most of these kids can't go home: victims of sexual, physical violence, come from broken homes, suffer from PTSD, Haight is a place where they can feel safe and feel like they're a part of community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Shanon, 19, from St. Louis, homeless, arrested for bullshit.
Luke, minister and social worker, is part of a grassroots movement for homeless people; against the ordinance.
Carol Harvey, journalist who's been spending lots of time in the Haight, personally seen the people viciously harassing street kids in the Haight; against the ordinance.
Sarah Menphy, lived in SF for 30 years, has worked with street kids on Polk Street, there's lots of complicated arguments coming from the Mayor's Office concerning this issue; I think the most simple

thing is: how are you gonna criminalize two of the most peaceful activities I can think of—sitting and lying? Against the ordinance.

Chair Quesada sets the stage for commissioner deliberation: reminds the commission of their options.

Jones: Exceedingly skeptical of police's discretionary powers. Lots of young folks in my hood get fucked with by the cops.

Motion to support by sit-lie Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Quesada.

Deng and Jones are point on this issue. LaCroix and City Serc

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution 09-10AL10
In Support of Mayor's Legislation Concerning Youth Smoking and the Addition of TURF's Proposed Amendments (Commissioner Deng)
Presenters: Commissioner Deng; Jason Elliott, Mayor's Policy Advisor; Matt Rosen, Luisa Sicairos, Jesus Sicairos, Joshua Pooner, Tobacco Use Reduction Force

Deng & Jones: read the resolution into the public record.

TURF crew: Jesus Sicairos Lina Tam Li, Hector Echeverria, Luisa Sicairos, Matthew Rosen.

Jason Elliott: Thanks for making all of us make this policy better. We continue to be involved with all of the stakeholders. The draft ordinance we saw WILL BE AMENDED. One amendment came out of conversations with YLI, and the Youth Commission, etc. Both YLI and the MO want attrition—how's about DPH, Small Business Commission and YC get together 12 months after the law is passed. I'm not here to argue against YLI. Acknowledges YLI's great work.

LaCroix and Quesada: what's up with the MO not adopting all of YLI's amendments?
Elliott: This is not a divisive issue.

Support

C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from Board of Supervisors: Proposed hearing file no. 100159
[San Francisco's New Day for Learning Initiative]
Presenter: Margaret Brodkin, Jamie Harris, New Day for Learning Initiative

Margaret Brodkin: 26 years, ran Coleman; now does New Day for Learning—philosophy about what a school should be;
Tenderloin Community School: dentist, 26 after school programs, etc.
NDL: A national organization, a national vision for how to move the school district towards this new vision.
NDL: Community Parent leadership, students leadership, community boards
5 schools chosen to be "early adopters" of NDL: Burton, Paul Revere, John Muir, Charles Drew, Hillcrest.
Margaret: rallies the City Departments, moves the school district, etc.

Summer is really important.

Ellington: what's the curriculum? The specifics? Brodkin: It's not a single curriculum. It's about individualizing things for each school. Site level

ASK MARGARET WHAT THE FUCK SHE'S TALKING ABOUT RE: SCHOOL DISTRICT PROHIBITING CBO'S FROM RUNNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS? ... ***

Demara Griffin asks how much it would cost to implement a community school at, say, a single school site?
Brodkin: We're trying to figure that out. Different for each school.

Marshall-Fricker motions to support, Davidson seconds. Unanimous by acclamation.

7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Davidson: Sat walk against rape 24th
Liang: Chinatown adopt an alleyway (Saturday march 27)—clean up SRO's, etc, bbq afterwords

8. Adjournment

8:07

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Monday, April 5, 2010

5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

5. Staff Report

6. New Business

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Maria Su, Director (Department of Children, Youth and Their Families)

B. *Discussion Only:* San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department Presentation on Youth Services for Summer 2010
Presenter: Ana Alvarez, Superintendent, Citywide Services (Recreation and Parks Department)

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Presenters: Keith Choy, Coordinator, Truancy/Stay-in School Coalition (San Francisco Unified School District);
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Captain John Ehrlich, Family Services Division (Police Department)

D. *Discussion and Possible Action*: The Youth Commission's Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (1st

Reading)

7. Old Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution 09-10AL10
Resolution in Support of Proposed Ordinance File No. 100103 with the addition of the Tobacco Use Reduction Force's Amendments (Commissioners Deng, Jones)
Presenter: Commissioner Deng, Commissioner Jones

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
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Prohibition on tobacco Sales Within 1,000 Feet of a School (Mayor Newsom)

C. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
Proposed resolution file no. 100408
MUNI Youth Lifeline Discount Pass (Supervisor Mirkarimi; Maxwell, Chiu and Dufty)
Presenters: Commissioner LaCroix, Commissioner Liang

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

9. Adjournment

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SF Youth Commission

San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Monday, April 5, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416

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1. Call to Order
Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Commissioners present: Deng, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Carlson, A. Chan, Hirano, Vasquez, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Sanders

Commissioners Tardy: Ellington

Commissioners Absent: Marshall-Fricker (Excused), Williams (Excused), Quintero (Unexcused)

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Jones moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Liang. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of March 15, seconded by Jones. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
After calling the item and seeing none, Chair Quesada closed public comment.

5. Staff Report
In the interest of presenters for items considered "New Business," Staff Report was postponed.

6. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* The Removal of Mission Beacon from Everett Middle School
Presenters: Maricar Bamba; Reyna Giron; Efrain Hernandez; Yasmine Alshuraidah; Nygjevie Rodriguez; Jessica Chel; Calvonnia Kelly; Chris Rapalo; Oscar Cruz; Carlos Martinez; Theresa Alvarez; Alejandra Mojica, Mission Beacon program participants and employees;
Maria Su, Director (Department of Children, Youth and Their Families)

Jessica Chel, a youth participant of programming at Mission Beacon for some years, expressed that she felt it was unfair for DCYF to consider moving the Beacon from Everett Middle School to Cesar Chavez Elementary. She asked the Youth Commission to come out against any potential moving of the Beacon.

Twelve-year old Kyara Flowers, a current Everett student, also lobbied the Youth Commission to support keeping the Mission Beacon at Everett.

Alaa Alhaj, a current Everett student, urged the Youth Commission to call for keeping the Mission Beacon at Everett.

Luis Chavez, Mission Beacon Program Coordinator, argued against moving the Mission Beacon.

Valerie Tulier, Mission Beacon Director, argued against moving the Mision Beacon. She asserted that DCYF's justifications for moving the Mission Beacon have been constantly shifting and therefore dubious. Ms. Tulier signaled that her opposition to moving the Beacon is unrelated to her job as an employee of the community-based organization Mission Neighborhood Centers, which currently holds the contract with DCYF to run the Mission Beacon Programming; rather, Ms. Tulier said, she was against moving the Mission Beacon because its current location best serves its participants and there is a lack of services for middle school-aged children in the immediate Everett area, as opposed to elsewhere in the Mission.

Maria Su, Director of DCYF, explained that she was available to answer any questions commissioners have regarding DCYF's process in selecting sites and community partners for grants. She spoke of how much DCYF values youth voice.

With respect to the possibility of moving Mission Beacon, Ms. Su explained that the initial Request for Proposals (RFP), which would have potentially (a) moved the Beacon to another location and potentially (b) placed the Mission Beacon programming under the auspices of another community-based organization (the Everett Mission Beacon is currently run by Mission Neighborhood Centers)—this RFP has been withdrawn. There will now be a community process, with a task force and/or steering committee, to determine where the Mission Beacon should be and what community organization should be contracted to run its programming.

Ms. Su invited the Youth Commission to select one of its members to be involved in this community process.

Commissioners Carlson, Jones, Liang, LaCroix, and Vasquez asked questions of Ms. Su, Mr. Chavez and Ms. Tulier. Jones, Carlson and Sanders expressed interest in potentially being involved in the community process mentioned by Ms. Su that DCYF will undertake to figure out where the Mission Beacon will be located in the coming years.

B. *Discussion Only:* San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department Presentation on Youth Services for Summer 2010
Presenter: Ana Alvarez, Superintendent, Citywide Services (Recreation and Parks Department)

In Ms. Alvarez's absence, Bob Palacio, RPD Neighborhood Service Area Manager and acting Superintendant, provided a power point presentation concerning RPD's budget deficit, planning process and summer programming for 2010. He stated that RPD is making a $250,000 commitment to scholarship in the coming years and that departmental policy is to never turn away a young person from programming because of a lack of ability to pay. He also provided a list of the recreation centers that would be used as sites of distribution for summer lunch.

Commissioners Jones, Sanders, Quesada, Carlson and LaCroix asked questions. Anne Marie Donnelly, an RPD administrator with expertise in the Department's scholarship policy, also fielded questions. Chair Quesada thanked Mr. Palacios and Ms. Donnelly for their very informative presentation.

C. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:
Proposed hearing file no. 100129
Truancy Initiatives by the San Francisco Unified School District and the City and County of San Francisco (Supervisor Dufty)
Presenters: Keith Choy, Coordinator, Truancy/Stay-in School Coalition (San Francisco Unified School District);
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Captain John Ehrlich, Family Services Division (Police Department)

Keith Choy, Liz Jackson-Simpson and Pete Mancilles provided some current demographic data on truancy in San Francisco, explained how and why truancy is against state law, discussed the way that (because of per-pupil funding) truancy is financially bad for the SFUSD as a whole, and mentioned how significant chronic and habitual truancy are as "social predictors" of future outcomes.

Eason Rampson, Director of the CARES Program at Bayview YMCA, explained the model of his small school, whereby each chronic truant receives individual academic and psychological assessment in the service of reengaging her or him in school.

Commissioners Sanders, Ellington and Carlson asked questions.

Commissioner Hirano moved to support the hearing, seconded by Carlson. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

5. Staff Report
At the request of Youth Commission staff, members of the Richmond Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Council, a proto-Commission of 14-21 year-olds, introduced themselves and explained that they were in the midst of trying to reestablish the Youth Council as a Commission with the same legal and political status as the San Francisco Youth Commission. San Francisco Youth Commissioners welcomed their counterparts from Richmond and offered them support in this endeavor.

6. New Business (Continued)

D. *Discussion and Possible Action*: The Youth Commission's Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (1st Reading)

Directing their fellow commissioners (and the public) to follow along in the document provided in the agenda packets, commissioners Hirano, LaCroix, J. Chan, and Davidson reviewed the main points of the budget recommendations their respective committees were in the midst of drafting. There was some discussion and talk of scheduling committee meetings over the course of the next two weeks to flesh out these priorities.

7. Old Business

Chair Quesada called items 7A and 7B together:

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution 09-10AL10
Resolution in Support of Proposed Ordinance File No. 100103 with the addition of the Tobacco Use Reduction Force's Amendments (Commissioners Deng, Jones)

Presenter: Commissioner Deng, Commissioner Jones
Prohibition on tobacco Sales Within 1,000 Feet of a School (Mayor Newsom)

B. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
Proposed ordinance file no. 100103 (Substitute)

Commissioner Jones urged the Youth Commission to consider tabling a discussion and vote on these two items, because Jones and Deng hadn't discussed the Mayor's revised ("substitute") proposed ordinance with the Youth Leadership Institute (on behalf of whom Jones and Deng introduced Resolution 09-10AL10, which calls for specific amendments to the Mayor's initial ordinance).

Commissioner Jones then moved to table items 7A and 7B, seconded by Deng. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

C. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
Proposed resolution file no. 100408
MUNI Youth Lifeline Discount Pass (Supervisor Mirkarimi; Maxwell, Chiu and Dufty)
Presenters: Commissioner LaCroix, Commissioner Liang

Commissioners Liang and LaCroix, sponsors of Youth Commission resolution 09-10AL08 "Youth Lifeline Pass and Fare Increases," explained that Supervisor Mirkarimi's proposed resolution was an edited version of this Youth Commission resolution. Staff member Mario Yedidia explained that Supervisor Mirkarimi's resolution had been referred to the Youth Commission as a "For Youth Information" only item, because of a technical legislative point of order (the resolution had been introduced but not sent to any committee and would therefore probably be voted on at the next Board of Supervisors meeting). LaCroix, Liang and Yedidia urged youth commissioners to lobby their respective appointing officers to support the Youth Lifeline policy!

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner Deng explained that the Student Advisory Council would also be considering the Mayor's proposed ordinance on youth tobacco use.

9. Adjournment

Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

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5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

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3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

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See Document F

C. Discussion and Possible Action: Youth Commission Budget & Policy Priorities FY 10-11 (2nd reading)

7. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action: A presentation from queer educators and staff from LYRIC

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

9. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order
Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Commissioners present: Marshall-Fricker, Carlson, A. Chan, Hirano, Williams, Quintero, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Sanders. There was a quorum.

Commissioners absent (excused): Liang, J. Chan, Jones, Vasquez.

Commissioners absent (unexcused): Deng.

Commissioners tardy: Ellington.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the agenda, seconded by commissioner Sanders. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Commissioner Quintero moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2010, seconded by commissioner Hirano. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
Gina Zagata of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's TransLink Program provided a brief explanation of Translink, which is "a smart card payment system" accepted across most Bay Area transit agencies.

In the spirit of encouraging public transportation, she provided Youth Commissioners—and offered members of the general public—free Translink cards.

5. Staff Report
There were no items to report.

6. Old Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution 09-10AL10
Resolution in Support of Proposed Ordinance File No. 100103 with the addition of the Tobacco Use Reduction Force's Amendments (Commissioners Deng, Jones)
Presenter: Commissioner Deng, Commissioner Jones
See Document A

Commissioner Hirano moved to support the proposed resolution, seconded by Quintero. The resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes—10: Marshall-Fricker, A. Chan, Hirano, Williams, Quintero, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Ellington, Sanders. No's—1—Carlson.

B. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors
Proposed ordinance file no. 100103 (Substitute)
Prohibition on tobacco Sales Within 1,000 Feet of a School (Mayor Newsom)
See Document B

Commissioner Hirano moved to support the referred proposed ordinance, seconded by Carlson. The referred legislation was supported unanimously by acclamation.

C. It was agreed that recently passed Youth Commission resolution 09-10AL10 "Resolution in Support of Proposed Ordinance File No. 100103 with the addition of the Tobacco Use Reduction Force's Amendments" would be attached to the Youth Commission's response to this referred legislation.

D. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Youth Commission Budget & Policy Priorities FY 10-11 (2nd reading)
See Document C

There was discussion of the document, led by executive committee members. Tristan Leder, the YouthVote-elected Student Delegate on the Board of Education, spoke to the two education-related priorities.

Commissioner Quesada suggested reversing the order of the bullet points at the beginning of the "Food Access" section.

It was suggested that the document include a page with each commissioners' name and appointing officer.

Commissioner Carlson moved to pass the Youth Commission's Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 "as a living document," including the suggested amendments made tonight, and such that the document can be further amended as needed by the executive committee and still be considered endorsed by the entire commission. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

There was a 10 minute recess.

The meeting resumed at 7:14pm.

7. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* A presentation from queer educators and staff from LYRIC
See Document D

Members of the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) discussed LYRIC's history, its employment and education programs and its public policy priorities.

Speakers: Jodi Schwartz, Paulina Almazan, Ayana E., Vanessa Li, Phuong T., Steven Meyer, Anna R., Fareti Ose Hosea, Carlos Martinez.

Commissioner Carlson moved to support the general work of LYRIC, seconded by Davidson. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner LaCroix spoke of Jazz Week at San Francisco State University, especially the forthcoming Tuesday, April 20 (8:00pm) Vocal Jazz Concert.

Commissioner Carlson announced that the MTA Board would be meeting to discuss the Agency's budget for upcoming fiscal years tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Monday, May 3, 2010

5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

5. Staff Report

6. New Business

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A. Discussion and Possible Action: Presentation on the San Francisco Public Library's Interim Library Services at Branch Libraries
Presenter: Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association
See documents in section A

7. Old Business

A. Discussion Only: Update and Debrief on Executive Committee's Presentation of the Youth Commission's Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 at the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee of Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Presenter: Commissioner Quesada, Davidson, Jones, Liang, LaCroix, Hirano
See document B

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

9. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Monday, May 3, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order**
Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Commissioners present: Deng, Marshall-Fricker, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Sanders, Quintero,

Commissioners Absent (excused): Liang, Hirano, Ellington

Commissioners absent (unexcused): Williams, Carlson, Vasquez

Staff present: Julia Sabory.

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Marshall Fricker. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
Commissioner Jones moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of April 19, 2010, seconded by Quintero. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**
After calling the item and seeing no one come forward, Chair Quesada closed public comment.

5. **Staff Report**
Nayad Abrahamian, consultant to the Youth Commission, announced that Youth Lobby Day will be taking place on May 20th and that there is an upcoming Youth Summit in the Ingleside District of San Francisco. She asked that Commissioners follow up with her if they are interested in attending. Julia Sabory, Youth Commission Director, announced that there will be a hearing to discuss low-performing schools in San Francisco at the Board of Supervisors' and Board of Education's Select City & School District Committee on May 6, at 3:30pm in City Hall, Room 250 (Board Chamber).

6. **New Business**

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on the San Francisco Public Library's Interim Library Services at Branch Libraries
Presenter: Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association
See documents in section A

Mr. Warfield, Executive Director of the Library Users Association, expressed concerns regarding the San Francisco Public Library's unwillingness to provide full interim library service when local branches are closed for renovations or rebuilding. At present, six branches are in the process of renovation have a bookmobile serving as a temporary replacement for full library service. Mr. Warfield contended that there are a variety of alternative locations near the library sites that are

undergoing rebuilding—including schools, Recreation Centers or vacant store fronts—and that the Public Library could lease one of these locations at a modest price and provide full library service. By point of contrast, the bookmobiles currently in operation provide only 5-8 hours of service per week, per location.

Chair Quesada asked if the library has considered only shutting some libraries at one time rather than eight. Mr. Warfield stated that in previous public meetings the Library had stated that only four would be closed at one time with the west side of the City having a majority closed right now.

Mr. Warfield presented a Draft Resolution on the issue of Interim Library Service for Branches Closed for Renovation. Chair Quesada recommended that the City Services Committee take up this draft resolution and the question of Interim Library Service in general. Commissioner Deng asked, "What is the current Library Commission's take on this issue?" Mr. Warfield responded by assuring the Youth Commission that the Library is well aware of his concerns as well as the Supervisors.

Public Comment:
An individual who asked to remain anonymous came forward to voice support for Mr. Warfield's efforts.
Bradley Wiedmaier also came forth to share his concerns that the neighbors weren't informed about branch closures. He stated his support of interim locations and is concerned with the Library Commission and Head Librarian's lack of willingness to compromise.

7. Old Business

A. *Discussion Only:* Update and Debrief on Executive Committee's Presentation of the Youth Commission's Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 at the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee of Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Presenter: Commissioner Quesada, Davidson, Jones, Liang, LaCroix, Hirano
See document B

Chair Quesada reviewed the content of the Youth Commission's Budget Priorities for the next fiscal year and, for the benefit of those Commissioners that did not attend the April 28, 2010 Budget & Finance Committee hearing where the Youth Commission presented these priorities, described what transpired that day when hundreds of young people came to City Hall. Commissioner Jones commented that the Youth Commission should follow up with the BOS and Mayor regarding the status of the Budget Priorities, and that, presumably, some of this follow-up can happen on Lobby Day. Youth Commission Director Julia Sabory informed the commission that the committees will now take leadership on following up on the Budget Priorities in the remaining months of this term.

Public Comment:
Peter Warfield stated his support of the Youth Commission's budget efforts and that he was very impressed with the specificity and 'straight talk' that the Commissioners utilized on Wednesday.

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)
There were none.

9. Adjournment
Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Monday, May 17, 2010

5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

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1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

5. Staff Report

6. New Business

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A. Discussion and Possible Action: Resolutions of Commendation Recognizing the Outstanding Work of Karla Ramos and Armani Doss, YouthWorks Interns at the Youth Commission (Commissioner Jones)
Presenter: Commissioner Jones

B. Discussion and Possible Action: Presentation on the San Francisco Public Library's Youth & Teen Services
Presenter: Luis Herrera, Head Librarian; Jennifer Collins, Teen Services Specialist

C. Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors: File no. 100543 [Requesting the Controller's Office to Conduct a Review and Analysis of the Funding Recommendations of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families for FY2010-2011 through FY2012-2013] Adopted
(Supervisor Dufty; Campos, Maxwell and Chiu)
Presenters: Boe Hayward, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Dufty; Peg Stevenson, Office of the Controller, City Services Auditor

D. Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors: File no. 100571 [Hearing to consider how we are providing safe routes to schools and ensuring safe conditions for our children and youth on MUNI] Requested

E. Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:
File no. 100508 [Motion directing the Budget and Legislative Analyst to audit the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families] Proposed

(Supervisor Alioto-Pier)
Presenters: Bill Barnes, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Alioto-Pier; Severin Campbell, Budget Analyst's Office

F. Discussion and Possible Action: Resolution Urging the San Francisco Board of Education to Create a Task Force Charged with Improving Health Education Curriculum in High School and to Propose Possible Improvements in Health Education Throughout K-12 (Commissioner Davidson)
Presenter: Commissioner Davidson

G. Discussion and Possible Action: Ingleside District Youth Summit
Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Commission Staff

H. Discussion and Possible Action: 2010 Ecofest
Presenter: Commissioner Jones

I. Discussion and Possible Action: Review of Youth Commissioner Attendance Records & Potential Authorization of Absences
Presenter: Julia Sabory, Youth Commission Director

7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

8. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes to Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416

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1. Call to Order

Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Commissioners Present: Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, Vasquez, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Ellington, Sanders
Commissioners Absent: Carlson, Williams
Commissioner noted present moments after roll call: Quintero
Staff present: Julia Sabory, Mario Yedidia, Peter Lauterborn

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Hirano. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of May 3, 2010, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. However, seeing a member of the public come forward to speak on this item, Chair Quesada and commissioners Jones and Marshall-Fricker tabled this motion.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of the Library Users Association suggested that the word "agreement" on the first full paragraph of the second page of the minutes implied a kind of legal commitment on the part of the Library, when, though the Library had made a commitment, it was not legal or contractual in nature. He suggested the Youth Commission consider deleting this word in favor of another that better reflects the character of the Library's claims vis-à-vis which branch libraries would be closed (and when) .

Commissioner Jones moved to amend the minutes as per Mr. Warfield's suggestion by deleting the word "agreement" on page 2 and finding another word that did not imply such a legal or contractual agreement. This motion was seconded by commissioner Deng and approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker then moved to adopt the minutes as amended, seconded by Jones. The minutes as amended were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

Mr. Warfield, Executive Director of the Library Users Association, spoke. In his comments he thanked the Youth Commission for allowing him to present on the issue of interim services at branch libraries at the commission's prior meeting of May 3, 2010. Mr. Warfield encouraged the Youth Commission to follow up—through the passage of a resolution or otherwise—on this issue with the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor; he also reminded commissioners that the critical issue-in-question is the plain fact that 6 of San Francisco's 27 public libraries have only minimal bookmobile service.

5. Staff Report

Mario Yedidia, Youth Commission staff, reminded commissioners that the application for the 2010-2011 Youth Commission term is due Friday, June 4, 2010. He encouraged commissioners to distribute the application far and wide.

6. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Resolutions of Commendation Recognizing the Outstanding Work of Karla Ramos and Armani Doss, YouthWorks Interns at the Youth Commission (Commissioner Jones)
Presenter: Commissioner Jones

Commissioner Jones presented Resolutions of Commendation to Karla Ramos and Armani Doss in recognition of their outstanding work as interns at the Youth Commission through the YouthWorks program.

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation on the San Francisco Public Library's Youth & Teen Services

San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) Head Librarian Luis Herrera led a PowerPoint presentation concerning the San Francisco Branch Library Improvement Program, a massive renovation program of the SFPL's branch libraries, financed by a bond measure passed by San Francisco voters in 2000 with the express aim "to create 21st century libraries." Mr. Herrera distributed brochures explaining the variety of interim library services that the SFPL is currently offering in the vicinity of those branch libraries that are currently closed for renovation.

Subsequently, Jennifer Collins, SFPL Teen Services Specialist, discussed the (completely free-of-cost) teen programming currently being offered by the SFPL, some of which is academic in nature (e.g. SAT courses, Writers Corps and Youth Speaks writing and media literacy workshops).

Commissioners Jones, Ellington, Sanders and Quesada asked clarifying questions concerning a number of issues, including the SFPL's timeline for the completion of its bond-financed renovation program, the nature of public input in the renovation and bond-expenditure process, and the location and duration of bookmobile services. These questions were addressed by Mr. Herrera and Ms. Collins.

Public Comment:

An anonymous man individual spoke, describing himself as a "dissident voice" in the discussion concerning the renovation of SFPL branch libraries and characterizing the members of the Youth Commission as part of a "lost generation" of library users.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of the Library Users Association, spoke of what he characterized as the sunshine violations committed by the SFPL's BLIP program; he also expressed frustration with what he characterized as the many decisions the Library has made prior to public meetings.

Annie Yu, a former Teenquake program intern, spoke highly of the SFPL's free teen programming, including, especially, those provided by Writers' Corps; she also argued that despite the difficulty of waiting, the renovated branch libraries are vastly improved spaces, which are better organized and more spacious.

Tony Bernardi, SFPL Head of Teen Services said that when she began working at the Library in 1972, despite the fact that there were children's services, teen services were nonexistent; Ms. Bernardi said that the library's bond-financed renovation project is an immense undertaking thus, regrettably, it will almost inevitably involve slip-ups and mistakes; finally, she invited Youth Commission to take a more active role in the youth- and teen-related policy questions at the SFPL.

After some further discussion, with no official action taken, Chair Quesada closed this item.

C. *Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* File no. 100543 [Requesting the Controller's Office to Conduct a Review and Analysis of the Funding Recommendations of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families for FY2010-2011 through FY2012-2013]
Adopted (Supervisor Dufty; Campos, Maxwell and Chiu)
Presenters: Boe Hayward, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Dufty; Peg Stevenson, Office of the Controller, City Service Auditor

In Boe Hayward's absence, Alex Randolph, also an aide to Supervisor Dufty, explained the basics of this adopted resolution. In brief, it asks the Controller's Office to prepare the Board of Supervisors with an analytically sound roadmap to the so-called "add back" process in June, wherein the Board of Supervisors allocates monies to particular service and geographical areas, which the Mayor's Proposed Budget and the results DCYF RFP have eliminated.

Commissioner Hirano remarked that, as per the Youth Commission's Budget Priorities for FY 2010-2011, it would be helpful to take into account the Police Department's Zone Strategy in DCYF's allocation plan.

Peg Stevenson of the City Services Auditor division of the Controller's Office explained her office's Chartered role, to provide fiscal and performance analyses that improve "effectiveness and efficiency in City government."

Chair Quesada asked about the target date for finishing this Controller's report. Ms. Stevenson said that, as per Mr. Randolph's comments, the Board of Supervisors has requested that it be done before the budget for FY 10-11 is decided, that is, by the second or third week in June. She also noted that DCYF, with its Charter-mandated public three-year funding cycle which involves a need assessment and allocation plan before the issuing of any RRP, is considered to employ some of the best practices of all City departments that issue grants.

Public Comment:
Peter Warfield remarked that given the Youth Commission's purview, he did not understand why this resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors prior to being referred to the Youth Commission.

Chair Quesada explained that the Board acted without Youth Commission input because the resolution was introduced without committee reference.

D. *Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* File no. 100571 [Hearing to consider how we are providing safe routes to schools and ensuring safe conditions for our children and youth on MUNI] *Requested*

Alex Randolph explained that this hearing was the result of Board of Education President Jane Kim's request to Supervisor Dufty that the issue of violence on Muni—especially those lines that are heavily used by students to get to and from school—be addressed in the City & School Committee.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to support this hearing, seconded by Jones. Commissioners Sanders, LaCroix, Ellington, Liang and Quesada expressed their commitment to attend.

E. *Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* File no. 100508 [Motion directing the Budget and Legislative Analyst to audit the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families] *Proposed* (Supervisor Alioto-Pier)
Presenters: Bill Barnes, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Alioto-Pier; Severin Campbell, Budget Analyst's Office

Bill Barnes provided the background to this audit by explaining that DCYF is pretty big department—its budget is about $130 million this year. The rules of the Board of Supervisors require that each department be regularly audited; however, this has not occurred in the case of DCYF. Thus, the proposed audit—which authorizes the Youth Commission to suggest particular service areas and/or strategies which the Budget Analyst should focus on—is an attempt to remedy this.
Commissioners Quesada, Liang and LaCroix asked clarifying questions fielded by Mr. Barnes.

Seeing no public comment, Commissioner Jones offered a motion to support this proposed audit, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

F. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Resolution 09-10 AL 13: Resolution Urging the San Francisco Board of Education to Create a Task Force Charged with Improving Health Education Curriculum in High School and to Propose Possible Improvements in Health Education Throughout K-12
(Commissioner Davidson)
Presenter: Commissioner Davidson

Commissioner Davidson read the proposed resolution into the record.

After some discussion concerning the considerable length and format of the resolution, commissioner Davidson moved to delete the specific community-based organizations to be included in the proposed Task Force. This motion was seconded by Marshall Fricker and passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, Quintero, LaCroix Davidson, Quesada, Ellington; No's—Vasquez, Sanders.

Public Comment:
Peter Warfield commended the Youth Commission on the detail-oriented, well-sourced draft resolution.

G. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Ingleside District Youth Summit
Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Commission Staff

Nayad Abrahamian of the Youth Commission staff explained the character of the planned Ingleside District Youth Summit, a peaceful, recreational community-building event slated for the final week of May.

Commissioner Jones moved to endorse the event, seconded by Sanders. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

H. *Discussion and Possible Action:* 2010 Ecofest
Presenter: Commissioner Jones

Commissioner Jones explained the character of Ecofest 2010: set for May 22, this will be a youth-friendly, all-ages music and visual arts event that will emphasize the importance of environmental conversation.
Commissioner Liang moved to endorse Ecofest 2010, seconded by Sanders. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

I. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Review of Youth Commissioner Attendance Records & Potential Authorization of Absences
Presenter: Julia Sabory, Youth Commission Director

Julia Sabory explained the Youth Commission's somewhat intricate attendance policy, as it is outlined in both the City Charter and the Youth Commission's Bylaws. Under both rubrics, commissioners Carlson and Williams are currently considered resigned from the Youth Commission because of their multiple unexcused absences. However, to follow the spirit of the Charter, the commission as a whole should vote to certify their resignations—or, conversely, authorize their unexcused absences and keep them on the commission.

After some passionate discussion wherein numerous commissioners expressed regret at seeing two of their colleagues leave, commissioner Ellington moved to certify the resignation of commissioner Carlson, seconded by Sanders. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, A. Chan, Hirano, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Ellington, Sanders; No's: Jones, Vasquez, Quintero.

Commissioner Jones then moved motion to certify the resignation of commissioner Williams, seconded by Hirano. This motion passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, Vasquez, Quintero, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Ellington; No—Sanders.

7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Nayad Abrahamian encouraged Youth Commissioners to attend the upcoming Lobby Day on Thursday, May 20.

8. Adjournment

Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Monday, June 7, 2010 (Amended Agenda)

5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
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Presenters: Office of Supervisor Campos
Documents 3a, 3b

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Presenter: Commissioner Quesada
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San Francisco Youth Commission

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5:30-8:00pm
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1. Call to Order
Chair Quesada called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

Commissioners present: Deng, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, J. Chan, A. Chan, Hirano, LaCroix, Quesada, Ellington
Commissioners tardy: Jones (arrived 5:41pm)
Commissioners absent (unexcused): Vasquez, Sanders
Commissioners absent (excused) Quintero, Davidson

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by commissioner Hirano. Approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Commissioner Liang moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2010, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. Approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
There was none.

5. Staff Report
Youth Commission Coordinator Mario Yedidia invited commissioners to the following events: the Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth Block Party, to be held the very next Saturday, June 12 at 3:00pm at 459 Vienna Street, between Persia and Brazil; the Honoring Emancipated Youth Bayview Homeless Connect Resource Fair, to be held next Friday, June 11 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Bayview Playground, 451 Keith Street; and the upcoming General Fund Department budget hearings for the 2010-2011 fiscal year (a schedule of these meetings was provided for commissioners and the interested public).

Youth Commission Director Julia Sabory reminded commissioners interested in serving on the Youth Commission for the 2010-2011 year to provide her with a written response to the question she had emailed them some days before.

6. New Business

A. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Possible Wildlife Hospital & Education Center in MacLaren Park
Presenter: Jamie Ray, Director, SF ROMP Wildlife Rehabilitation

In Jamie Ray's absence, Chair Quesada and Coordinator Yedidia explained the nature center Ms. Ray wanted to establish in MacLaren Park. The proposed center would be a hospital for wild animals that live in San Francisco, and it would provide educational opportunities for young people.

There was no public comment and the commission took no action on this matter.

B. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Presentation Concerning Sharp Park and Request for Endorsement of Two Letters Concerning Parks and Community Services in San Francisco
Presenter: Barbara Beth, Wild Equity Institute
Documents 2a, 2b, 2c

Barbara Beth of the Wild Equity Institute presented her case for the Youth Commission to endorse her organization's two letters, which encourage Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance committee Chair John Avalos to scrutinize the budget of the Sharp Park Golf Course. She argued that Sharp Park is a financial drain for the City's Park and Recreation Department, and that the cost savings associated with closing the Golf Course could be used to fund essential programs for young people in San Francisco that are slated to be cut next fiscal year.

There were questions from commissioners Liang and Hirano. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Jones moved to endorse both letters, seconded by Commissioner Hirano. Approved unanimously by acclamation.

C. *Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* Proposed charter amendment file no. 100637 [San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency—Appointments Policy and Other Procedures] (Supervisor Campos; Mirkarimi, Chiu and Mar)
Presenters: Office of Supervisor Campos
Documents 3a, 3b

Chair Quesada and commissioner Hirano read the legislative digest of this charter amendment, which among other Muni-related things would split appointments to the MTA Board between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, into the public record.

Youth Commission Coordinator Mario Yedidia reminded commissioners that proposed charter amendments have a real world effect—for example, the pension reform measure proposed in January by Supervisor Elsbernd and heard by the Youth Commission in February will be on the ballot and voted on by San Francisco voters tomorrow (Tuesday, June 8, 2010.) Also, before a charter amendment can be put on the ballot, it must go through the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors, where amendments can be made.

There was no public comment.

D. *Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* Proposed charter amendment file no. 100635 [Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections] (Supervisor Chiu; Campos, Mar, Avalos, Mirkarimi, Maxwell, Daly and Dufty)
Presenters: Victor Lim, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Chiu
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Victor Lim of President David Chiu's office explained the reasoning behind this charter amendment: one-third of San Francisco's public students have at least one immigrant parent, and electing competent, representative leaders benefits all members of the SFUSD community.

Commissioner Jones asked clarifying questions. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Liang moved to support this item, seconded by LaCroix. This motion passed by the following roll call vote:
Ayes—Deng, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, LaCroix, Quesada, Ellington; No's—Marshall-Fricker.

E. *Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* Proposed charter amendment file no. 100633 [Split Appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission and Special Events Permit and License Process] (Supervisor Mirkarimi; Campos, Daly, Avalos and Maxwell)
Presenters: Office of Supervisor Mirkarimi
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Jeremy Pollock, aide to Supervisor Mirkarimi, briefed Youth Commissioners on this proposed charter amendment: similar to the Muni-related legislation discussed earlier in the meeting sponsored by Supervisor Campos, this law would split the appointments to the Recreation and Park Department. Mr. Pollock reasoned that citizens and community members tend to reach out to their district Supervisors more than the Mayor's Office about local issues—including those having do with parks and recreation—and thus it makes sense to give the Board of Supervisors some say in what happens at the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Commissioners Jones and Ellington asked questions. There was no public comment. Commissioner LaCroix moved to support this charter amendment with an attached comment suggesting changes to the definition of the seat appointments, second by Commissioner Jones. Roll call vote:

Ayes—Deng, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, LaCroix, Quesada, Ellington; No's—Marshall-Fricker.

There was no public comment.

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Quesada read the legislative digest into the public record.

Marjene Zartarvar led the YC through a Power point presentation that provided the public policy rationale of this proposed ordinance. Issues covered: use in US versus other countries; use of cell phones by young, young children; absurd, 200pound6footmale cell phone standard of watts/kilogram;

Commissioner Liang asked if clothes or purse provide a barrier for radiation. Marjane replied that clothes do not, however, if your phone is in your purse or at least a few inches from your body it helps a great deal.

There was no public comment.

Jones moved to support this ordinance, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. Approved unanimously.

G. *Discussion and Possible Action*: Resolution of Commendation 09-10 RC 04: In Recognition of Bayview Hunter's Point for Arts and Technology's (BAYCAT) Selfless Dedication to the Development of the Youth of the Bayview Hunter's Point Neighborhood and the Greater San Francisco Bay Area Through Education, Empowerment, and Employment in the Digital Media Arts (Commissioner Quesada)
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Quesada gave some background on his work with BAYCAT. Then, he read it into the public record. Jones shared the fact that BAYCAT was an important part of his time at Mission High. Quesada shared that this is just the first reading so there will be more opportunities to provide feedback.

There was no public comment.

7. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner Jones took this opportunity to present commendations to Mission High School students.

8. Adjournment

7:15.

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C. Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors: Proposed ordinance file no. 100675 [Zoning – Presidio-Sutter Special Use District at 800 Presidio Avenue.]
Presenter: Patricia Scott, Executive Director, Booker T Washington Community Service Center
Document 4

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Commissioners tardy: Deng (arrived 5:39), Liang (arrived)
Commissioners absent (excused): Vasquez, Sanders

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Quesada moved to consider item 6C before item 6A, seconded by commissioner Hirano. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by commissioner Ellington.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Document 1

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2010, seconded by commissioner LaCroix. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
There was none.

5. Staff Report

Youth Commission staff thanked the Youth Commission for their work during the 2009-2010 year, and reminded commissioners that final public comment on the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families budget for the next fiscal year was currently taking place—and that it would probably continue until mid-evening.

6. New Business

C. *Discussion and Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* Proposed ordinance file no. 100675 [Zoning – Presidio-Sutter Special Use District at 800 Presidio Avenue.]
Presenter: Patricia Scott, Executive Director, Booker T Washington Community Service Center
Document 4a, 4b

Ms. Scott outlined the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center's desire expand both the number of youth it serves and the kinds of programming it provides. The zoning ordinance in question would enable Booker T. to build a new community center on the corner of Presidio Ave and

Sutter St. The new building would provide programming space for young children, teens and Transitional Age Youth 9TAY). Moreover, the building would include housing—with on-sight support services—for TAY, to be managed by the state-wide housing services provider the John Stewart Company. There has been some community concern that the TAY youth provided with housing on sight will prove to be a danger for the neighborhood, Ms. Scott explained. She and Mark Slutkin of the John Stewart Company suggested these concerns were unfounded, given John Stewart's sterling track record in managing affordable housing, including its experience managing TAY supportive housing.

Commissioner Jones commented that in his experience growing up in the Western Addition and utilizing the Center, Booker T. has always offered the highest-quality programming.

Commissioner Jones moved to support this proposed ordinance, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

A. *Discussion an d Possible Action:* Resolution of Commendation 09-10 RC 04: In Recognition of Bayview Hunter's Point for Arts and Technology's (BAYCAT) Selfless Dedication to the Development of the Youth of the Bayview Hunter's Point Neighborhood and the Greater San Francisco Bay Area Through Education, Empowerment, and Employment in the Digital Media Arts (Commissioner Quesada)
Presenter: Commissioner Quesada
Document 2

This was the second reading of this resolution of commendation of BAYCAT, where Commissioner Quesada has helped to provide front-line programming.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Hirano moved to adopt this resolution of commendation, seconded by commissioner Jones. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. *Discussion an d Possible Action: Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors:* Proposed charter amendment file no. 100637 [San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency—Appointments Policy and Other Procedures] (Supervisor Campos; Mirkarimi, Chiu and Mar)
Presenters: Supervisor Campos
Document 3a, 3b

Supervisor Campos introduced this proposed charter amendment of which he is the primary sponsor by stating that, in his estimation, this legislation is the only item that comprehensively considers MUNI's governance, labor agreements and fiscal management. In brief, this charter amendment would: split appointments to the seven-member Board of Directors between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors; provide for an independent auditor (here called an "Inspector General") to conduct internal audits of MUNI; the amendment would require MUNI to follow best practices with respect to work orders; it would create a property tax set-aside for MUNI; change the number of Supervisors needed to reject MUNI's budget from a super to a simple majority; and compel all MUNI employees to negotiate their wages through collective bargaining.

Commissioners Jones, Hirano, Quesada and LaCroix asked clarifying questions. Commissioner LaCroix distributed a memo reflecting the comments of the Youth Commission's Land Use and City Services committee's comments on the proposed charter amendment. In response to Commissioner

LaCroix's suggestion that he consider adding language ensuring youth representation on the MUNI Board, Supervisor Campos said he welcomed such specific language.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner LaCroix moved that the Youth Commission support the proposed charter amendment, and include the memo in the file. Commissioner Hirano seconded this motion and commissioner Marshall-Fricker requested a roll call vote on the item.

Ayes (11)—Deng, Liang, J. Chan, Jones, A. Chan, Hirano, Quintero, LaCroix, Davidson, Quesada, Ellington; No's (1)—Marshall-Fricker.

7. Old Business

A. *Discussion an d Possible Action: 2nd Reading:* Resolution 09-10 AL 13: Resolution Urging the San Francisco Board of Education to Create a Task Force Charged with Improving Health Education Curriculum in High School and to Propose Possible Improvements in Health Education Throughout K-12 (Commissioner Davidson)
Presenter: Commissioner Davidson
Document 5

Commissioner Davidson read the entirety of this amended resolution into the public record.

Public Comment:
A member of the Oakland Youth Commission asked if the data included in the resolution was drawn from local or national sources.

Youth Commission Education Policy Coordinator Peter Lauterborn replied that, with few exceptions (noted in the resolution's footnotes), the data in the resolution was taken from local sources.

Commissioner Hirano moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by commissioner LaCroix. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)
Chantal Reynolds, Youth Leadership Coordinator, led six members of the Oakland Youth Commission in introducing themselves.

Commissioner A. Chan invited commissioners to an organizing meeting this Thursday, June 10 at 6pm at Dolores Street Community Services (938 Valencia Street) regarding President Chiu's proposed charter amendment that would allow non-citizen San Francisco parents with children in the public school system to vote in School Board Elections.

9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

SF Youth Commission

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda

Special, Beginning of Term Retreat
Saturday, August 14, 2010
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United Playaz Community Center
1038 Howard St. (b/w 6th & 7th St.)
San Francisco, CA 94103
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order (9:00am)**
2. **Icebreaker: Getting to Know One Another**
3. **Training on The City Family:**
   The Mayor's Office, City Departments & the Board of Supervisors
4. **Training on the Legislative Process and the Four Ways the Youth Commission Interacts with City Government:**
   Writing Resolutions, Responding to Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors, Advising Appointing Officers, Participating in the Annual Budget Process
5. **Workshop on Writing Resolutions**
6. **Lunch (12:00noon-12:45pm)**
7. **Training on Public Meetings & Ethics**
8. **Training on Youth Commission Structure**
9. **Panel with former Youth Commissioners; Youth Commissioners Write Letters to Themselves**
10. **Evaluation (6:00pm)**

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1. Call to Order

Staff called the meeting to order at 9:25am.

Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Beaulac, Herzstein, LaCroix, Benezra, Chan, Kaminsky, Lin

Commissioners Absent: Liang, Nauer, Hirano

Staff Present: Julia Sabory, Mario Yedidia

2. Icebreaker: Getting to Know One Another

Staff led commissioners through an activity that combined silent reflection, writing, drawing, and group conversation. Through a discussion of the people who have inspired us, participants learned a bit more about one another.

3. Training on The City Family: The Mayor's Office, City Departments & the Board of Supervisors

Commissioners were led through a brief, basic explanation of the structure of the government of the City & County of San Francisco, with particular focus on the legislative and executive branches.

4. Training on the Legislative Process and the Four Ways the Youth Commission Interacts with City Government: Writing Resolutions, Responding to Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors, Advising Appointing Officers, Participating in the Annual Budget Process

Staff lectured commissioners regarding the four different ways that the Youth Commission interacts with City government. Staff directed commissioners to look at materials from the previous Youth Commission term, which included a MUNI-related Youth Commission resolution, a piece of legislation referred that the Youth Commission voted to support in August of 2009 and the Youth Commission's "budget priorities" for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

5. Workshop on Writing Resolutions

As a group of fourteen, commissioners collectively walked through one process for writing resolutions, based on the 2006-2007 Youth Commission workshop entitled "From Root to Fruit."

6. Lunch (12:00noon-12:45pm)

Commissioners and staff ate lunch together.

7. Training on Youth Commission Structure

There was a short lecture about committees: the fact that they exist and that they are the place where much Youth Commission business is generated.

Then, in preparation for their first meeting and after some discussion of Robert's Rules of Order, commissioners participated in a mock meeting, which included a fictitious Youth Commission resolution and a hypothetical item of referred legislation.

8. Training on Public Meetings & Ethics

Staff lectured commissioners on the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance. Commissioners asked questions.

9. Panel with former Youth Commissioners; Youth Commissioners Write Letters to Themselves

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

10. Evaluation

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm after commissioners completed a single page evaluation of the day's activities.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
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Monday, August 23, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
4. Staff Report
5. Presentations
   A. An Overview of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, The Youth Empowerment Fund and the Youth Vote Student Survey (Discussion Only)
      Presenters: Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
      Bryant Tan, Coordinator, Youth Empowerment Fund
      Peter Lauterborn, Coordinator, Youth Vote Student Survey
      Documents: A, B, C

   B. An Overview of the Children's Fund and the Children's Baseline (Discussion Only)
      Presenter: Monique Zmuda, Deputy Controller
      Documents: D, E
6. Youth Commission Business
   A. Youth Commission Bylaws for 2010-2011: Officer Positions, Committees, Workplans (Discussion Only)
      Presenter: Youth Commission staff
      Document: F
7. Attendance Review
8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)
9. Adjournment

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City and County of San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families

About DCYF

DCYF Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families is to ensure that families with children are a prominent and valued segment of San Francisco's social fabric by supporting programs and activities in every San Francisco neighborhood.

Goals

The DCYF goals, called the Quality of Life Benchmarks, were adopted by the Board of Supervisors and Mayor and spelled out in the San Francisco city charter in 2001:

- Children and youth are healthy
- Children and youth are ready to learn and are succeeding in school
- Children and youth live in safe, supported families
- Children and youth live in safe, supported, and viable communities
- Children and youth contribute to the development and vitality of San Francisco

In 2006, Mayor Gavin Newsom added an additional goal to the department:

- San Francisco retains and begins to grow its child, youth, and family population

Functions

DCYF takes a multi-faceted approach to accomplishing its mission, including strategic funding, program partnerships, policy innovation, and informing and engaging the public.

Strategic Funding

DCYF allocates over $60 million to a wide range of grants and initiatives that serve children, youth, and their families. The DCYF funding strategy is based on an extensive two year process that includes a Community Needs Assessment and the creation of a Children's Services Allocation Plan with input from stakeholders throughout the city. The primary areas of DCYF funding are early child care and education, family support, health and wellness, out-of-school time, violence response, youth empowerment, and youth workforce development.

Program Partnerships

A signature of DCYF is the leadership role the department plays in forging partnerships with other city departments, the San Francisco Unified School District, and community organizations. On-going partnerships include Youth workforce programs done in collaboration with the Juvenile Probation Department; Rec-Connect, a collaboration between the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and Jobs for Youth; and a partnership with the United Way. All of DCYF's early childhood work is done in collaboration with the First 5 San Francisco Commission and the San Francisco Human Services Agency. Wellness Centers and SF Team, a city-wide literacy program, are typical of partnerships with the San Francisco Unified School District.

Policy Innovation

DCYF is a generator of policy initiatives for San Francisco. The Department provides staffing for the Mayor's Policy Council on Children, Youth and Families, which presents recommendations on issues impacting the retention of families in the city. Areas of interest include housing, education, cost of living, and transportation.

DCYF convenes a variety of task forces and working groups that develop policy initiatives, such as the Transitional Youth Task Force, the After School for All Planning Council, and the SFUSD/CBO Task Force.

Engaging and Informing the Public

DCYF is the office of city government responsible for providing general information to the public about the availability of resource, services, and programs for children and youth. A variety of strategies facilitate this work, including a parent-to-parent web site set to launch in March 2007, youth outreach workers throughout the community, a parent ambassador outreach program, and numerous guides to services. DCYF also coordinates a series of large, annual public events designed to raise awareness of San Francisco's abundant resources and attractions for children of all ages and their families.

DCYF also creates opportunities to engage the public in conversation to ensure community input into program and policy decisions:

- The Children's Fund Citizens Advisory Committee meets monthly in public forums
- A team of youth evaluate DCYF programs and assess community needs
- A Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board guides the funding for youth organizing
- DCYF sponsors ongoing community forums and hearings

History

After several decades of community advocacy to have an entity within government specifically designated to coordinate children's services, the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Their Families was created in 1989 by Mayor Art Agnos. After the 1991 passage of the Children's Amendment, the MOCYF gained momentum and a substantial budget, and Mayor Willie Brown turned the MOCYF into a full city department.

Over the years the Children's Fund grew, and public officials began to recognize the need to place various responsibilities related to the city's children into one place. DCYF became the major city source of funding of youth employment, violence response, early childhood development, and afterschool programming. DCYF also became the major engine of inter-departmental partnerships related to children, youth, and families, as well as partnerships with the SFUSD.

In 2000, the Children's Amendment was renewed by the voters of San Francisco and a Children's Fund Citizens Advisory Committee was established. Members of the CAC are appointed by the Mayor, with a charge to advise the Mayor and DCYF regarding the Children's Fund and another other issues of concern to its members.

Mayor Newsom appointed Maria Su, Psy.D., to lead the Department in 2009.

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City and County of San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families

About DCYF Children's Fund

In 1991, San Francisco became the first city in the country to guarantee funding for children each year in the city budget. This was achieved by amending the city charter with what has become known as *The Children's Amendment*. This groundbreaking amendment was reauthorized in November, 2000, when it passed with 74% of votes.

The Children's Amendment created a Children's Fund by setting aside a portion of property taxes each year—three cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The Children's Fund is administered by the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families and will be in effect until June 30, 2015, when it will have to be renewed by the San Francisco electorate.

Children's Amendment History

Former DCYF Director Margaret Brodkin wrote an extensive history and explanation of the Children's Amendment—San Francisco's landmark initiative to fund children's services—while she was employed as Executive Director of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth. It is linked here with permission from Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth.

Children's Amendment Overview

The Children's Amendment is Section 16.108 of the San Francisco City Charter. The basic elements are:

- The Children's Fund shall be used exclusively for services for children ages 0 to 17 years old.
- Eligible services for the Children's Fund are child care, recreation, afterschool, arts, health, workforce readiness, youth empowerment, violence prevention, educational enrichment, and family support.
- There is a three-year planning cycle for use of the Children's Fund, requiring a Community Needs Assessment and a Children's Services Allocation Plan. Significant community participation is required in the development of these documents.
- A Children's Fund Citizen's Advisory Committee, consisting of 15 members appointed by the Mayor, shall advise the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families and the Mayor regarding the use of the Fund.

RELATED LINKS

- The San Francisco City Charter

To view the Children's Amendment, go to Section 16.108 (July 1, 2001)

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City and County of San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families

Youth Empowerment Overview

Supporting youth-led projects in San Francisco

The Youth Empowerment Fund is a minimum of 3% of the San Francisco Children's Fund, approved by San Francisco voters in 2000. Currently, the YEF dedicates approximately $1 million to supporting youth-led projects in San Francisco each year.

Guiding Principles

The YEF supports the capacity and leadership of young people by having them define their own programming, practice leadership, and bring about sustainable community change. Through the YEF, youth from all over San Francisco have the opportunity to apply for funding for their youth-led projects, as well as participate in grantmaking, program support, and evaluation. The YEF believes:

- Youth should be at the forefront of making decisions that affect their lives
- Youth possess the knowledge and ability to be leaders in their communities
- Youth should have access to resources to define their own programs and opportunities

Funding Strategies

Funding for youth-led projects is provided through a competitive bid process. Projects are evaluated based on the three strategies:

Strategy #1: Youth Philanthropy
Through youth-led philanthropy, the Youth Empowerment Fund provides youth with opportunities to practice leadership through youth-to youth grantmaking. Youth support and make decisions on funding for youth-led projects all over the city. From youth-run gardens, self-defense classes, to youth-run conferences on important community issues, young people all over the city have

CONGRATULATIONS

YOUTH WARRIORS

On July 18, 2009, the San Francisco Youth Commission and the Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board presented Youth Warrior Awards to these 12 young people who have made a commitment to bettering themselves and the community around them.

Jah'Torri Bettis, 16, Oasis For Girls, has mobilized family members to celebrate new life as well as commemorate those who have passed on as a result of extreme community violence.

Monica Carlos, 23, The Beat Within, has successfully completed her parole from California Youth Authority and now serves as a wonderful role model, public speaker, and a youth advocate.

LaJoy Crenshaw, 17, COC always volunteers at community events and has connected over 150 youth from her Sunnydale

received funding for their ideas.

Strategy #2: Youth Organizing
The YEF funds youth-led efforts to build collective power and affect concrete change in the conditions that youth face in their communities. Through this strategy, youth have the opportunity to identify issues of social injustice and build their collective capacity to win real improvements in their communities and in their lives.

Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board

The Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board (YEFAB) provides leadership and oversight to the Youth Empowerment Fund. YEFAB partners with the San Francisco Youth Commission to ensure that the youth voice is incorporated at every decision-making level.

YEFAB's roles and responsibilities include grantmaking, documenting and assessing the work of youth programs, facilitating ways for youth in the city to get together, learn from each other, celebrate each other's work, and provide feedback on the overall design and implementation of the Youth Empowerment Fund initiative.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YEFAB AND ITS YOUTH LEADERS

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- DCYF FUNDED PROGRAMS

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2009-2010 Youth Vote Student Survey

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Introduction

The YouthVote Student Survey, which is made possible by a grant from the Department of Children Youth and their Families, is among the most comprehensive and far reaching questionnaires of high students currently enrolled in the San Francisco Unified School District. The survey reaches over 8,000 students each academic semester.

The YouthVote Student Survey illustrates how many of San Francisco's young people share common experiences. Yet there are also significant variations in the experiences and opinions between students. Assessing these variations and similarities between students of different grade levels, schools, race/ethnicities, genders and neighborhoods is critical to developing an understanding of how to better serve *all* of San Francisco's students.

This report is a self portrait of students by students. Herein, they explain what stresses them, where they see the most violence in their lives, assess the relevance of their education, suggest changes to their public schools changed, articulate their need for job training, and more.

The YouthVote Student Survey aims to serve youth and communities through:

- Informing City policymakers on young people's perspectives in order to better inform their planning and decision making;
- Providing data for the San Francisco Unified School District as well as individual school sites to better plan and serve its students; and,
- Briefing service providers and advocates on young people's pressing needs and wants to better programming and service delivery.

Some of this data reaffirms what is already known. Yet readers may also be surprised at which young people are impacted by a given issue. The varied experiences of youth in San Franciscans are all reflected in this report.

Taken together, the students speaking out through these surveys have provided us with an account of their concerns and, in many cases, they have pointed to strategies and solutions that would remedy them.

Now, it is our responsibility to respond.

priated for the fiscal year 1990-1991 or the amount so appropriated for the fiscal year 1991-1992, in either case as adjusted. Not later than three months after the election which approves this section, the Controller shall calculate and publish the applicable base amount, specifying by department and program each amount included in the base amount. The base amount shall be adjusted for each year after the base year, based on calculations consistent from year to year, by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate City appropriations from the base year, as estimated by the Controller. Errors in the Controller's estimate of appropriations for a fiscal year shall be corrected by an adjustment in the next year's estimate. For purposes of this subsection, aggregate City appropriations shall not include funds granted to the City by private agencies or appropriated by other public agencies and received by the City. Within 90 days following the end of each fiscal year through 2001-2002, the Controller shall calculate and publish the actual amount of City appropriations for services for children which are eligible to be paid from the Fund (exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law).

SEC. 16.108. CHILDREN'S FUND.
[Effective July 1, 2001]

(a) **Fund for Children's Services.** Operative July 1, 2001, there is hereby established a fund to expand children's services, which shall be called the Children's Fund ("Fund"). Monies in the Fund shall be expended or used only to provide services for children as provided in this section.

(b) **Goals.** The goals of expenditures from the Fund shall be:

(1) To ensure that San Francisco's children are healthy, ready to learn, succeed in school and live in stable, safe, and supported families and communities;

(2) To reach children in all neighborhoods;

(3) To the maximum extent reasonable, to distribute funds equitably among services for infants and preschoolers, elementary school age children and adolescents;

(4) To focus on the prevention of problems and on supporting and enhancing the strengths of children, youth and their families;

(5) To strengthen collaboration between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District;

(6) To fill gaps in services and to leverage other resources whenever feasible; and

(7) To foster projects initiated by San Francisco youth.

(c) **Amount.** There is hereby set aside for the Fund, from the revenues of the property tax levy, revenues in an amount equivalent to an annual tax of three cents ($.03) per one hundred dollars ($100) of assessed valuation for each fiscal year beginning with July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002, and ending with July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. If the 2010 U. S. Census shows that children make up a percentage of the population of the City and County that is at least two percentage points more than their percentage as shown in the 2000 U. S. Census, then the amount of the property tax levy set aside under this section shall be increased for each fiscal year beginning after publication of the 2010 Census. The increase shall be in an amount equal to one-quarter cent ($.0025) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, for each two full percentage points of increase in the percentage of the City and County population that is made up of children. The Fund shall be maintained separate and apart from all other City and County funds and appropriated by annual or supplemental appropriation.

(d) **New Services.** Monies in the Fund shall be used exclusively for the costs of services to children less than 18 years old provided as part of programs that predominantly serve children less than 18 years old, above and beyond services funded from sources other than the previous Children's Fund prior to July 1, 2001. To this end, monies from the Fund shall not be appropriated or expended for services that received any of the funds included in the higher of the Controller's baseline budget covering July 1, 2000-June 30, 2001 appropriations, or the Controller's baseline budget covering July 1,

1999-June 30, 2000 appropriations, whether or not the cost of such services increases. Nor shall monies from the Fund be appropriated or expended for services that substitute for or replace services included or partially included in the higher of the two baseline budgets, except and solely to the extent that the City ceases to receive federal, state or private agency funds that the funding agency required to be spent only on those services. The Controller's baseline budget shall mean the Controller's calculation of the actual amount of City appropriations for services for children that would have been eligible to be paid from the Fund but are paid from other sources.

(e) **Eligible Services.** Services for children eligible for Fund assistance shall include only:

(1) Affordable child care and early education;

(2) Recreation, cultural and after-school programs, including without limitation, arts programs;

(3) Health services, including prevention, education, mental health, and pre-natal services to pregnant women;

(4) Training, employment and job placement;

(5) Youth empowerment and leadership development;

(6) Youth violence prevention programs;

(7) Youth tutoring and educational enrichment programs; and

(8) Family and parent support services for families of children receiving other services from the Fund.

(f) **Excluded Services.** Notwithstanding subsection (e), services for children paid for by the Fund shall not include:

(1) Services provided by the Police Department or other law enforcement agencies, courts, the District Attorney, Public Defender, City Attorney; or the Fire Department; detention or probation services mandated by state or federal law; or public transportation;

(2) Any service that benefits children incidentally or as members of a larger population including adults;

(3) Any service for which a fixed or minimum level of expenditure is mandated by state or federal law, to the extent of the fixed or minimum level of expenditure;

(4) Acquisition of any capital item not for primary and direct use by children;

(5) Acquisition (other than by lease for a term of ten years or less) of any real property; or

(6) Maintenance, utilities or any similar operating costs of any facility not used primarily and directly by children, or of any recreation or park facility (including a zoo), library, or hospital.

(g) **Baseline.** The Fund shall be used exclusively to increase the aggregate City appropriations and expenditures for those services for children that are eligible to be paid from the Fund (exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law). To this end, the City shall not reduce the amount of such City appropriations for eligible services (not including appropriations from the Fund and exclusive of expenditures mandated by state or federal law) in any of the fifteen years during which funds are required to be set aside under this section below the amount so appropriated for the fiscal year 2000-2001 ("the base year") as set forth in the Controller's baseline budget, as adjusted ("the base amount"). The base amount shall be adjusted for each year after the base year by the Controller based on calculations consistent from year to year by the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate City and County discretionary revenues. In determining aggregate City and County discretionary revenue, the Controller shall only include revenues received by the City and County that are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose. The method used by the Controller to determine discretionary revenues shall be consistent with method used by the Controller to determine the Library and Children's Baseline Calculations dated June 20, 2000, which the Controller shall place on file

with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 000952. Errors in the Controller's estimate of discretionary revenues for a fiscal year shall be corrected by an adjustment in the next year's estimate. Within 90 days following the end of each fiscal year through 2014-2015, the Controller shall calculate and publish the actual amount of City appropriations for services for children that would have been eligible to be paid from the Fund but are paid from other sources, separately identifying expenditures mandated by state or federal law.

(h) **Three-Year Planning Cycle.** To provide time for community participation and planning, and to ensure program stability, appropriations from the Fund for all fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2004 shall be made pursuant to a three-year planning cycle as set forth in subsections (h) through (l). During every third fiscal year beginning with the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the City shall prepare a Community Needs Assessment to determine services eligible to receive moneys from the Fund. During every third fiscal year beginning with the 2002-2003 fiscal year, the City shall prepare a Children's Services and Allocation Plan ("the Plan"), based on the Community Needs Assessment approved during the previous year. The Board of Supervisors may modify an existing Community Needs Assessment or Plan, provided that any modification shall occur only after a noticed public hearing. All appropriations from the Fund shall be consistent with the most recent Plan, provided that the Board of Supervisors may approve an amendment to the Plan at the same time it approves an appropriation.

(i) **Community Needs Assessment and Children's Services and Allocation Plan.**

(1) The Community Needs Assessment and the Plan shall be in writing, shall be made available to the public in draft form not later than January 31 of each fiscal year in which they are required, shall be presented by March 31 of each such fiscal year to the commissions listed in subsection (m)(3) for review and comment, and by April 30 of each such fiscal year shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

(2) Prior to preparation of each draft Community Needs Assessment, the City shall hold at least one public hearing in each geographical area defined in Charter Section 13.110. The City shall also make available opportunities for parents, youth, and agencies receiving monies from the Fund to provide information for the Community Needs Assessment. The Community Needs Assessment shall include the results of a City-wide survey of parents and youth to be conducted by the Controller every three years.

(3) The Plan shall include all services for children furnished or funded by the City or funded by another governmental or private entity and administered by the City, whether or not they received or may receive monies from the Fund. The Plan shall be outcome-oriented and include goals, measurable and verifiable objectives and measurable and verifiable outcomes.

(4) The Plan shall state how all services receiving money from the Fund will be coordinated with other children's services. The Plan shall specify amounts of funding to be allocated: (i) toward achieving specified goals, measurable and verifiable objectives and measurable and verifiable outcomes, (ii) to specified service models; and (iii) for specific populations and neighborhoods. The Plan shall also state the reasons for the allocations and demonstrate how the allocations are consistent with the Community Needs Assessment. A minimum of three percent of the funding allocated under the Plan shall be for youth-initiated projects.

(j) **Evaluation.** The Plan shall include an evaluation of services that received money from the Fund at any time during the last three fiscal years. The evaluation shall involve those who use the funded services and other parents and youth.

(k) **Failure of Board to Act.** If the Board of Supervisors has not approved a Community Needs Assessment before the first day of the fiscal year during which the Plan is to be prepared, the Plan shall be based on the Community Needs Assessment as originally submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

(l) **Selection of Contractors.** Except for services provided by City employees, the Fund shall be expended through contractors selected based on their responses to one or more requests for proposals issued by the City. The City shall award contracts to coincide with the City's fiscal year starting July 1.

(m) **Implementation.**

(1) In implementation of this section, facilitating public participation and maximizing availability of information to the public shall be primary goals.

(2) So long as there exists within the executive branch of City government a Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, or an equivalent department or agency as its successor, that department shall administer the Children's Fund and prepare the Community Needs Assessment and the Plan pursuant to this section. If no such department or agency exists, the Mayor shall designate a department or other City body to administer the Children's Fund pursuant to this section.

(3) In addition to all other hearings otherwise required, the Recreation and Park, Juvenile Probation, Youth, Health and Human Services Commissions shall each hold at least one separate or joint hearing each fiscal year to discuss issues relating to this section. The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, or other agency as described above in section (m)(2), shall consult with the Recreation and Park Department. Arts Commission, Juvenile Probation Department, Unified School District, Health Department, Department of Human Services, Commission on the Status of Women, Police Department, Library Department and Municipal Transportation Agency in preparation of portions of the Community Needs Assessment and the Plan that relate to their respective activities or areas of responsibility.

(4) The Board of Supervisors may by ordinance implement this section.

(n) **Advisory Committee.** There shall be a Children's Fund Citizens' Advisory Committee ("the Committee") that shall consist of 15 members, each appointed by the Mayor to a three-year term, to serve at the Mayor's pleasure. At least three members of the Committee shall be parents and at least three members shall be less than 18 years old at the time of appointment. For each of the following areas, there shall be at least one Committee member with professional expertise in that area: early childhood development, childcare, education, health, recreation and youth development. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, and shall advise the department or agency that administers the Children's Fund and the Mayor concerning the Children's Fund. The Committee shall convene by July 1, 2001. Each member of the Committee shall receive copies of each proposed Community Needs Assessment and each Plan (including the evaluation required as part of the Plan). Members of the Committee shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred.

(o) **Unspent Funds.** All unspent funds in the Children's Fund created by former Charter Section 16.108 shall be transferred to the Children's Fund established herein.

(p) **Effect of Procedural Errors.** No appropriation, contract or other action shall be held invalid or set aside by reason of any error, including without limitation any irregularity, informality, neglect or omission, in carrying out procedures specified in subsections (h) through (n) unless a court finds that the party challenging the action suffered substantial injury from the error and that a different result would have been probable had the error not occurred. (Amended November 2000)

SEC. 16.109. LIBRARY PRESERVATION FUND.

(a) **Establishment of Fund.** There is hereby established the Library Preservation Fund ("the Fund") to be administered by the Library Department as directed by the Library Commission. Monies therein shall be expended or used solely by the Library Department, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, to provide library services and to construct, maintain and operate library facilities.

San Francisco Budget Baselines and Tax Set Asides

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Revenue Baselines - Percent of Aggregate City Discretionary Revenues (ADR)
General Fund Aggregate Discretionary Revenue (ADR) is total General Fund revenue not of transfers, fee revenues, and state and federal subventions that support specific activities.

1	**Municipal Transportation Fund Total Baseline**		$	**178.30**			
	Municipal Railway Fund	6.65 % of ADR	$	129.47	Charter Sec. 8A.105	Prop E, November 1999. Updated by Prop A, November 2007	Provide a predictable, stable and adequate funding for the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) based on FY 2001-02 appropriations	None
	Parking & Traffic Fund	2.51% of ADR	$	48.83	Charter Sec. 8A.105	Prop D, November 1998? Updated by Prop A, November 2007	A level of funding (required baseline) for the Parking and Traffic Commission based upon FY 2001-02 appropriations	None
2	Library Preservation Fund (Baseline)	2.17% of ADR	$	42.24	Charter Sec. 16.109	Prop D, November 2007	To provide library services and to construct, maintain and operate library facilities based on FY 2006-07 funding.	FY 2023-24
3	Children's Services Fund (Baseline)	4.97% of ADR must be budgeted for children's services in program FAL		Required: $96.88 Actual: $124.59	Charter Sec. 16.108	Prop D, November 2003	For services to children less than 18 years old	None
4	Public Education Baseline Services	0.28% of ADR must be budgeted		Required: $5.65 Actual: $5.79	Charter Sec. 16.123-2	Prop H, March 2004	For arts, music, sports and library programs and increased access to pre-school.	FY 2014-15
	Tax Set Asides						
5	Property Tax Set Aside for Children's Fund	amount equivalent to a tax of 0.03% of assessed valuation	$	44.86	Charter Sec. 16.108	Prop D, November 2003, Prop J, November 1991	Rate used to be 0.0125% of $100, increased in Nov 2003 to expand services for children	FY 2015-16
6	Property Tax Set Aside for Library Preservation Fund	amount equivalent to a tax of 0.025% of assessed valuation	$	37.38	Charter Sec. 16.109	Prop J, June 1994. Renewed Prop D, November 2007	To provide library services and to construct, maintain and operate library facilities	FY 2023-24
7	Property Tax Set Aside for Open Space Fund	amount equivalent to a tax of 0.025% of assessed valuation	$	37.38	Charter Sec. 16.107	Prop J, November 1974. Renewed Prop D, March 2008	To provide enhanced park and recreation services and facilities	FY 2033-34
8	Parking Tax Set Aside for MTA Traffic Control	25% of Parking Tax Revenue	$	29.00	Charter Sec. 8A.106	Prop Kkkkkk of 1994, November 2007	Parking and Traffic operations	None
9	Parking Tax Set Aside for Traffic Control Fund	$	29.00	Charter Sec. 8A.106	Prop K, November 2007	Parking and Traffic operations prior to the passage of Prop K, November 1994 and thereafter as allocated to the MTA in 2004	None
10	Revenue Set Aside for Neighborhood Beautification Fund	1% equivalent to a tax of 0.001% of assessed valuation	$	1.18	Charter Sec. 16.110	Prop F, June 1997	Neighborhood Beautification Fund shall be used to support projects that [illegible]	None
11	Homeless Services Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Charter Sec. 16.118	Prop N, November 2003	Homeless Services, Transitional Housing, Emergency Shelter, Supportive Housing, and Long Term Housing. The Fund shall be used to provide services to homeless [illegible]	None

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	Value		FY 09-10 Budget ($ million)	Code Section	Establishment	Purpose	Sunset
Expenditure Baselines							
12 Public Education Enrichment Funding Annual Contribution	FY 2005-06 $10M FY 2006-07 $20M FY 2007-08 $30M FY 2008-09 $45M FY 2009-10 $60M FY 2010-11 +/- ADR % change	$	42.67	Charter Sec. 16.123-2	Prop H, March 2004	To fund arts, music, sports and library programs and increased access to pre-school. Allocated to Unified School District & First Five Commission. Sec 16.123-8 allows contribution to be reduced by up to 20% if Joint Report projected shortfall is $100M or more.	FY 2014-15. Any deferred allocations must be repaid between 6/30/15 and 6/30/18 unless extended by voters.
13 City Services Auditor	0.2% of City's overall budget	$	12.40	Charter Appendix F	Prop C, November 2003	To fund the auditing of City services to enable residents to assess service effectiveness and efficiency.	None
14 Human Services Homeless Care Fund	Amount saved in cash grants when estimated number of homeless individuals is less than May 2002 baseline	$	13.67	Administrative Code Sec. 10.100-77	Prop N, November 2002	To receive and account for the expenditure of savings realized through implementation of Prop N, aka Care Not Cash on homeless service program in lieu of cash grants. DSS may only expend monies from Fund in excess of $11.9 million in any fiscal year.	None
15 Office of Economic Analysis	Sufficient funding to carry out the duties in this section - of two economists and such other staff as provided subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter.	$	0.28	Administrative Code Sec. 10.31	Prop I, November 2004	To analyze the economic impact of proposed legislation.	None
16 Property Tax Set Aside for Municipal Symphony	0.00125% of taxable assessed valuation	$	1.80	Charter Sec. 16.106 (1)		To maintain a symphony orchestra.	None
Staffing and Service Driven Expenditure Baselines							
17 Police Minimum Staffing	Minimum of 1,971 police officers, minus any positions converted from sworn to civilian	$	230.22	Charter Sec. 4.127, Amended by Charter Sec. 16.123	Prop D, June 1994; amended by Prop C March 2004	Minimum staffing of not less than 1,971 full-duty officers. Positions may be civilianized if reduction will not decrease the number of officers dedicated to neighborhood policing.	None
18 Fire Minimum Staffing	Operate firehouses and apparatus at same location and to same extent as existed on January 1, 2004	$	197.59	Charter Sec. 2A.67	Prop F, November 2005	24-hour staffing of 42 firehouses, the Arson / Fire Investigation Unit, 4 ambulances, and 4 Rescue Captains (medical supervisors).	None
19 Treatment on Demand	Amount needed to maintain total number of filled medical/residential substance abuse slots plus the total number of individuals seeking assistance	Reading DPH		Administrative Code Sec. 19A.23	Prop T November 2006	To maintain free and low cost medical substance abuse services and residential treatment slots commensurate with the demand for these services. Actual approved funding level set forth in BAO. FY 2009-10 minimum requirement likely increased by $7 million to $13 million	None

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SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION
2010-2011 Bylaws

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Section I – Name, Authorization & Purpose

The Youth Commission was established by a 1995 amendment to the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco (SEC IV.122-4.125).

The Charter provides the Youth Commission (hereinafter called the "Commission") with its authorization.

The Charter mandates that the Commission advise both the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on issues relating to youth and children. The Commission shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.

Section II – Duties & Activities

In order to fulfill its Charter-mandated purpose, the Youth Commission shall have the following duties:

1. Respond to legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors by providing the Board and the Mayor with written comments and recommendations, and by sending commissioners to speak at the meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its committees;

2. Adopt resolutions that urge the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors of the City & County of San Francisco to take certain actions;

3. Regularly meet with the elected officials who appointed each commissioner (and/or their aides), so as to develop a relationship with these officials and better advise them on the issues affecting children and youth in San Francisco;

4. After extensive surveying of young people, youth service providers and youth advocates, produce a description of the most urgent and most widely-shared unmet needs of San Francisco's children and youth (at minimum once a year), and

5. Monitor, research, investigate and analyze the budgets of the various departments of the City & County of San Francisco that affect children and youth

and propose a set of budget priorities (at minimum once a year) for policymakers to bear in mind when developing their budgets for the subsequent fiscal year.

In order to fulfill the above 4 duties, the Commission shall regularly engage in the following two activities:

1. Identify the issues and unmet needs of San Francisco's young people by surveying, questioning and developing relationships with young people themselves and adults who work with youth at recreation centers, social service organizations, after school programs, religious institutions, and any other kind of community-based organization that has youth members or serves youth in some way; and

2. Read, research, discuss and analyze statistics, reports, surveys, news articles and any other kind of data relating to young people in San Francisco, the United States, and beyond.

Section III – Membership

1. Membership

According to SEC IV.123 (a) of the Charter:
The Commission shall consist of seventeen (17) voting members, each of whom shall be between the ages of 12 and 23 years old at the time of appointment. Each member of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor shall appoint one member to the Commission. The Mayor shall appoint five (5) members from underrepresented communities to ensure that the Commission represents the diversity of the City. Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities

2. Resignation

A member who wishes to resign from the Commission is required to submit a resignation letter to his/her appointing authority, the Commission Chairperson and Commission staff.

Section IV – Officer Positions

1. Titles

The elected officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Legislative Affairs Officer and Community Outreach Officer.

2. Duties of Officers

(a) The Chairperson shall:

i. Facilitate Commission meetings;
ii. Motivate and encourage the active and engaged participation of all commissioners (and members of the public) at meetings by being fair, encouraging, positive and resisting expressing her or his own opinion on an item until the end of discussion ;
iii. Uphold and enforce these bylaws;
iv. Meet with Commission staff weekly to discuss Commission business,
v. Be the spokesperson for the Commission and, with the other officers, co-coordinate community outreach and educational material, commissioner testimony at legislative hearings, and media and public relations;
vi. Review the agenda for each Commission meeting;

vii. Schedule or cancel Commission meetings;

(b) The Vice-Chairperson shall:
   i. If the Chairperson is not present, facilitate Commission meetings;
   ii. Facilitate Executive Committee meetings;
   iii. Work closely with Chair to develop Commission goals;
   iv. Oversee Commission committees;
   v. Facilitate and Chair Executive Committee meetings and take special leadership on the development of the Commission's budget priorities; and
   vi. Review the agenda for Commission meetings with chair.

(c) The Government Affairs Officer shall:
   i. Serve as the point person on receiving, monitoring, and reporting pending legislation to the Commission;
   ii. Ensure commissioners build relationships with Board of Supervisors and Mayor by meeting about upcoming legislation;
   iii. Regularly check in with fellow commissioners to make sure commissioners are meeting with their appointing officers regarding pending legislation;
   iv. Monitor Board of Supervisors' agendas and hearing schedules for pending legislation;
   v. Solicit interest and participation of Commissioners in giving testimony at public hearings; and
   vi. Attend Board of Supervisors meetings, if possible.

(d) The Community Outreach Officer shall:
   i. Working with staff, develop an annual outreach plan for the Commission and present plan for approval to Commission and coordinate assignment of responsibility;
   ii. Ensure commissioners are attending meetings with constituents and community members each month;
   iii. Coordinate Youth commission-community forums and Commission presentations at schools, agencies, and events;
   iv. Coordinate media, public relations, outreach and educational material on behalf of the Commission; and
   v. Working with the Government Affairs Officer, coordinate commissioner and other youth testimony at legislative hearings.

3. Officer Elections
   (a) At the first Commission meeting of the term, Commissioners may nominate themselves or another commissioner for any Officer Position.
   (b) At the second Commission meeting of the term, more nominations may be made.
   (c) At the second Commission meeting of the term, candidates may make statements and other commissioners may make comments before voting for each position.
   (d) Voting shall continue until one candidate receives 9 affirmative votes
   (e) Candidates can back out of the voting at any time between votes

4. Terms and Vacancies

(a) The elected officers shall serve one-year terms, following the calendar terms of the full Commission.
(b) No Commissioner shall run for more than one officer position at the same time.
(c) No officer shall hold more than one officer's position at the same time.
(d) No officer shall hold the same position for more than two consecutive terms.
(e) Any officer can be removed from office by a 2/3 vote by the full Commission for any reasons deemed necessary by the Commission; and
(f) Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the un-expired term in a manner similar to that which the member was initially elected.

Section V – Meetings

1. Regular Meetings

The Commission will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, unless this falls on a holiday, in which case the Commission shall meet on the day following that holiday (i.e., the first or third Tuesday of that month).

2. Quorum and Voting Procedure
   (a) Quorum will consist of a majority of the Commission's 17 positions (i.e., 9 commissioners).
   (b) Quorum is needed to begin a Commission meeting and to pass any motion, unless otherwise noted.
   (c) Abstentions are only permitted if there is a clear conflict of interest or if the particular motion refers to a matter a Commissioner would not be in position to be knowledgeable of (i.e. the approval of minutes from a meeting they did not attend).

3. Setting the Agenda

Any commissioner and all members of the public are encouraged to request that items be added to the agenda. The Executive Committee will meet with staff the Wednesday prior to each Youth Commission meeting to approve the agenda. Ultimately, the Executive Committee has the authority to determine the Commission's agenda.

4. Positing of Minutes and Agenda

Agendas shall be posted (on Youth Commission website, in front of room 416, and delivered to the San Francisco Public Library), no less than 72 hours before each meeting, while minutes shall be posted no more than 48 hours after the conclusion of the meeting in question.

5. Special Meetings

Under the Brown Act, the Chairperson or a majority of the Commission have the power to call a special meeting of the Commission. For a special meeting, an agenda and 72 hours notice to the public must be provided. Normal quorum rules apply.

Section VI – Attendance

1. Meeting Absences
   (a) According to Section IV.123 (c) of the Charter:
   Any member whom the Commission certifies to have missed three regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission in any six month period without prior authorization of the Commission shall be deemed to have resigned from the

Commission effective on the date of the written certification from the Commission.

(b) The Commission shall not authorize more than three absences per term. The full Youth Commission shall hold the power to determine whether or not to authorize an absence. In order to request authorization for missing a regularly scheduled Commission meeting, a commissioner shall call, text or email staff at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Commission meeting and explain why the commissioner will not be able to attend. At the next full meeting, the Commission will vote on whether or not to authorize that commissioner's absence.

(c) Any commissioner who is more than fifteen (15) minutes late to a scheduled Commission meeting two (2) times shall be deemed to have missed a meeting without authorization.

(d) Commission retreats are considered regular Youth Commission meetings.

2. Extended Leaves of Absence

Any Commissioner can request prior authorization for a leave of absence for up to one month by submitting a written explanation. This written explanation will be presented to the full Commission. The Commission must approve the leave of absence. Only one leave of absence shall be permitted per Commission term, except for in emergencies approved by the full Commission.

Section VII – Committees

1. Purpose

Committees exist to conduct research and to develop proposals surrounding specific issues affecting young San Franciscans.

2. Chairpersonship

Committees shall elect a chairperson at their first meeting of the term. Should a chairperson resign, the Committee will elect a new chair at the following meeting. Chairpersons will also be responsible for serving on the executive Committee.

3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will be made up of the Commission Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, the Legislative Affairs Officer, the Community Outreach Officer, and each Committee Chairperson. The Vice Chair will serve as the Executive Committee Chairperson. The Executive Committee shall meet each Wednesday before a Commission meeting and is responsible for:

(a) Approving Commission meeting agendas;

(b) Regularly discussing issues raised by the Community Affairs Officer, by individual commissioners, by Commission committees, legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors, and Commission legislation;

(c) Regularly discussing and devising strategies to improve commissioner engagement and satisfaction; and

(d) Leading the Commission's work on advising the City and County of San Francisco on its annual budget.

4. Other Committees

Other committees shall be formed based on common areas-of-interest and policy goals.

Section VIII – Staff Role

Commission staff is responsible for assisting all of the Commissioners in fulfilling the demands of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco. Staff shall be accountable to the Commissioners, their priorities, and their constituencies.

Staff shall support the Commission in the following ways:

- Help commissioners explore and research issues;
- Provide trainings relevant to the Commission's work;
- Support the drafting editing of legislation and written communications;
- Speak on behalf of the Commission at public meetings when no commissioners are able to attend and the Commission has taken a position on the items-at-hand.

Section IX – Legislation

1. Types of Commission legislation:
   (a) Action Legislation (AL):
   Action Legislation consists of written communications that suggest a change in policy or administrative practice, or formally support a campaign, organization or event. This can take the form of resolutions, endorsements, policy reports or statements. If there is no physical legislation—such as voting to support an event—a copy of the prevailing motion will double as resolutions and placed into the legislative record.

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   (c) Reports to the Board (RB):
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Section X Amendments to Bylaws

[[PROPOSED]]

The Commission can create, repeal, amend, or reword bylaws with a majority vote of the full Commission. Changes made to the bylaws must be placed on the agenda and be noticed according to all applicable public meeting laws.

SF Youth Commission

San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes

Monday, August 23, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 400
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order
Acting Chair Liang called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Benezra, LaCroix, Herzstein, Chan, Kaminsky, Lin.

Staff Present: Yedidia, Jay.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
Robin Bonner, an 18 year old senior at Downtown High School, explained that she will be leading a voter registration drive at her school. She invited the Youth Commission to consider doing the same at other high schools.

Commissioners Hirano and Fierro expressed their interest in possibly taking up this work.

4. Staff Report
Youth Commission staff welcomed commissioners to their first meeting of the 2010-2011 term. Commissioners were reminded that they have an office (City Hall, room 345) to use between 9am-6pm with computers and mail boxes.

5. Presentations
A. An Overview of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, The Youth Empowerment Fund and the Youth Vote Student Survey (Discussion Only)
Presenters: Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
Bryant Tan, Coordinator, Youth Empowerment Fund
Peter Lauterborn, Coordinator, Youth Vote Student Survey
Documents: A, B, C

Maria Su, Director of the Department of Children Youth and Their Families (DCYF), explained that DCYF, which is a department of San Francisco's City government, funds hundreds of community programs for children and youth—from early childhood education, to transitional aged youth programs (which target 16-24 year olds) and violence prevention programs, to family support and recreational activities. She gave a short history of the "Children's Amendment," was passed by San Francisco voters in 1991, which sets aside money for children and youth programming that the City collects through property taxes—and which requires the money to be spent on specific things (the full text of the amendment was in the agenda packet). The "Children's Amendment" requires DCYF to work in a three year cycle, such that the needs of San Francisco's children and youth are constantly re-assessed and re-evaluated and, in turn, City funding goes to programs that address those needs. Commissioners Herzstein and Chan asked clarifying questions about the degree to which funding decisions are mandated by the law of the Children's amendment and DCYF's collaboration with the School District, respectively.

Bryant Tan, DCYF's manager of the Youth Empowerment Fund (YEF), explained that the YEF is a special pool of Children's Fund money (it usually amounts to about $1 million a year) that (according to the law of the "Children's Amendment") must go to youth-led projects. For the most part, YEF money goes to two different kinds of community-based programs: youth organizing and youth philanthropy. Commissioners Beaulac and Nauer helped illustrate what youth organizing and philanthropy look like by talking about their respective employers—both of which receive YEF money—Mission SF and Communities in Harmony Advocating for Learning and Kids. Finally, Mr. Tan invited commissioners to consider applying to YEFAB—the Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board—a group of young people

that help decide what kinds of programs the YEF should fund. Commissioner Benezra asked about YEF's outreach activities.

Peter Lauterborn then provided a presentation on the Youth Vote Student Survey, which is a project of the YEF. Youth Vote touches about 9,000 San Francisco public high school students each semester. For the last ten years or so, Youth Vote has provided students with a (1) a chance to weigh in on the candidates and ballot measures that San Francisco voters will consider in upcoming elections and (2) an outlet to express their thoughts about social issues and policy decisions that affect their lives, by completing a survey that aims to help City policymakers and community organizations assess the needs of San Francisco youth. Mr. Lauterborn invited commissioners to participate in helping devise these questions. Commissioner Kaminsky asked after the lack the of private school participation in the Youth Vote Student Survey, while commissioner Sun wondered about the accomplishments that have resulted from the survey questions.

B. An Overview of the Children's Fund and the Children's Baseline (Discussion Only)
Presenter: Monique Zmuda, Deputy Controller
Documents: D, E

Deputy Controller Monique Zmuda explained the purpose and duties of the Controller's Office: it is invested with the authority to keep the City's budget balanced. The City Charter prevents San Francisco from running a deficit. Ms. Zmuda then led commissioners through an overview of San Francisco's current budget situation, focusing on the Children's Fund (the property tax set aside for children and youth services that was created by the Children's Amendment) and the Children's Baseline (which, using a formula, mandates that the City spend a certain amount of General Fund money on children and youth services—of late, it's been around $100 million a year). Ms. Zmuda pointed out that unlike other baselines and set-asides (for example, the money the City is required to budget for the Library or public transportation), when it comes to the Children's Fund and the Children's Baseline, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors consistently spend *more* than what is legally required. Ms. Zmuda finished up by explaining that, because of the recession, the City is facing about $500 million in cuts for the next two fiscal years. These numbers will only increase if certain taxes on the ballot in November 2010 are not approved.

6. Youth Commission Business

A. Youth Commission Bylaws for 2010-2011: Officer Positions, Committees, Workplans (Discussion Only)
Presenter: Youth Commission staff
Document: F

Youth Commission staff Mario Yedidia led the commissioners through an overview of the Youth Commission's proposed bylaws for 2010-2011. He underscored, in particular: officer positions; the commission's attendance policy and commission committees. Commissioners asked questions and made comments: Benezra was curious about committees; Zukerman asked about tension; Herzstein noted a lack of consistency in the section describing officer positions; Hirano encouraged typographical errors to be duly noted by commissioners and staff and moved on quickly; Chan, echoed by Zukerman, suggested that it might be worthwhile to have more than one person serve as a community outreach officer.

Public Comment:
Robin Bonner encouraged each commissioner to reach out to as many young people as possible.

7. Attendance Review

Staff explained that at the next meeting, after adopting its bylaws, the commission will discuss

8. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner Fierro invited everyone to Step up to the Plate Night at the San Francisco Giants game, Tuesday, August 24, 2010: proceeds of certain ticket sales will go to Project Homeless Connect.

Commissioner Chan and Liang reminded commissioners that the District 3 Youth Summit was happening this Saturday, August 28, 2010 from 9am—4pm at the YWCA, 940 Powell St.

Commissioners Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Benezra, Lin, Chan, Fierro expressed an interest in working the Youth Vote, Student Advisory Council and Youth Commission Board of Education candidate forum.

Theo Ellington introduced himself to the commission. A 2009-2010 commissioner, he will work as an intern this year, helping commissioners fulfill their duties and assisting in the staffing of the commission's Youth Justice Committee.

9. Adjournment

Acting Chair Liang adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda

Tuesday, September 7, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 278
There will be public comment on each item.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

5. **Staff Report**

6. **Presentations**

   A. **An Overview of the Juvenile Probation Department (Discussion Only)**
   Presenters: William P. Sifferman, Chief Probation Officer; Garry Bieringer, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Coordinator
   Documents D, E, F, G

   B. **An Overview of Bank on SF, Office of Financial Empowerment, Treasurer's Office (Discussion Only)**
   Presenter: Marco Chavarin, Program Coordinator, Office of Financial Empowerment, Treasurer's Office
   Document H

7. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors**

8. **Youth Commission Business**

   A. **Adoption of 2010-2011 Youth Commission Bylaws (Action Item)**
   Presenter: Youth Commission staff
   Document I

   B. **Officer Nominations, Speeches, and Elections (Action Item)**
   Presenter: Youth Commission staff
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9. **Attendance Review**

10. **Announcements (This includes Community Events)**

11. **Adjournment**

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1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Liang called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix.

Commissioners tardy: Lin (arrived at 5:41pm)

Staff present: Yedidia, Jay

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the day's agenda, seconded by commissioner Hirano. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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Commissioner Herzstein moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of August 23, 2010, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. These minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Zukerman moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of August 14, 2010, seconded by commissioner Sun. These minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of June 21, 2010, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. These minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

5. Staff Report

In view of the presence of presenters for items 6A and 6B, this item was postponed.

6. Presentations

A. An Overview of the Juvenile Probation Department (Discussion Only)
Presenters: William P. Siffermann, Chief Probation Officer; Garry Bieringer, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Coordinator
Documents D, E, F, G

Chief Siffermann began by noting that despite the significant history of collaboration between the Juvenile Probation Department (JPD) and the Youth Commission, this marked his first official invitation to and presentation at the Commission. The Chief then provided a broad overview of JPD, making frequent reference to the department's Purpose, Duties, Mission Statement and Vision—which, at root, describe a department whose most fundamental responsibility is to rehabilitate (as opposed to punish) the young people who come under the charge of its probation officers. Chief

Siffermann spoke of the "bountiful" relationship JPD has had with the Commission, which has included the creation of the Juvenile Advisory Council (a monthly workshop whereby former probationers convened by the Youth Commission explain the terms and responsibilities of probation to new probationers that has greatly decreased recidivism) and the publication and distribution of the Guide to the Juvenile Justice System (a jargon-free pamphlet for parents and family members of incarcerated youth that explains the legal processes attending to juvenile probationers in simple language).

Mr. Bieringer, in turn, spoke of the centrality of the department's collaborations with community-based organizations in its effort to fulfill the department's central purpose of rehabilitation. True rehabilitation of young people who have committed crimes, he argued, involves engaging their families and communities.

Commissioners Zukerman, Chan, Fierro, Yang, Benezra and Kaminsky asked questions. Acting Chair Liang thanked Chief Siffermann and Mr. Bieringer.

B. An Overview of Bank on SF, Office of Financial Empowerment, Treasurer's Office (Discussion Only)
Presenter: Marco Chavarin, Program Coordinator, Office of Financial Empowerment, Treasurer's Office
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Mr. Chavarin led the commission through an interactive conversation regarding "the unbanked" in San Francisco—i.e., the approximately 50,000 households (and perhaps 150,000 individuals) in the City & County who do not have bank accounts and are thereby very vulnerable to predatory, fringe financial service providers like payday lenders and check cashing institutions. Mr. Chavarin explained the Treasurer's Office of Financial Empowerment's work in combating this phenomenon, which largely affects low-income communities of color in five distinct neighborhoods (the Mission, Bayview-Hunter's Point, the Tenderloin, Western Addition and the Excelsior) through City-funded checking accounts, financial education and the Kindergarten to College program—the latter being a novel project whereby the City will establish a checking account for each kindergartener enrolled in an SFUSD school with a modest grant to be used as seed money for that student's college savings).

Mr. Chavarin then explained that the Treasurer's Office had recently embarked on a public-private partnership (with partners including the Federal Reserve Bank, Schwab and Juma Ventures) to redouble its efforts in financial education. Mr. Chavarin asked the Youth Commission what role it would like to play in this partnership that is committed to reaching San Francisco's unbanked communities. He encouraged Youth Commissioners to feel free to contact him and the Treasurer's Office to follow up on this question.

Commissioners Fierro and Beaulac asked questions. Acting Chair Liang thanked Mr. Chavarin; he reiterated his hope that the Youth Commission contact his office with proposals, suggestions and ideas on how this financial education project can reach as many young people as possible.

7. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors

There was none calendared for this meeting. However, Acting Chair Liang noted there would be at least three referrals at the Commission's next meeting.

8. Youth Commission Business

A. Adoption of 2010-2011 Youth Commission Bylaws (Action Item)
Presenter: Youth Commission staff
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Staff Mario Yedidia provided an overview of the proposed bylaws.

There was much commissioner conversation—especially with regard to the duties and composition of the Commission's officers.

In the midst of a conversation about increasing the number of commissioners who can serve in the role of Community Outreach Officer, Commissioner Nauer asked if the commission could change the number of commissioners that constitute a quorum of the commission. Staff said this question would have to be posed to the City Attorney

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Lin, moved to add section IV.2(d)vi to the bylaws, which would require the Community Outreach Officer to meet with or otherwise check in (on the phone or over email) with all other commissioners at least once a month. After much discussion, this motion was rescinded.

Commissioner Fierro moved to approve the proposed bylaws in their proposed form (that is, without any amendments), seconded by commissioner Herzstein. This motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin. No's—LaCroix.

B. Officer Nominations, Speeches, and Elections (Action Item)
Presenter: Youth Commission staff
Document I

Staff Mario Yedidia, taking the lead from 2010-2011 Youth Commission Bylaws, laid out the format for the officer elections: each commissioner could nominate oneself and or a colleague; each nominee would have the same allotment of time to make a brief speech explaining his or her candidacy; then there would be voting and the first candidate to gain 9 affirmative votes would be elected to each position.

Nominations for Chair: commissioner Marshall-Fricker nominated commissioner Liang and commissioner Hirano nominated commissioner LaCroix.

There was a roll call vote on whether or not to elect commissioner Liang chair of the commission, with five ayes: Ayes—Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro. No's—Zukerman, Sun, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

There was a roll call vote on whether or not to elect commissioner LaCroix chair of the commission, with 17 ayes: Ayes--Zukerman, Sun, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro. Commissioner LaCroix was thusly elected Chair.

Nominations for Vice-Chair: commissioner Zukerman nominated commissioner Liang and commissioner Herzstein nominated commissioner Benezra.

There was a roll call vote on whether to elect commissioner Liang or commissioner Benezra Vice-Chair of the commission. Commissioner Benezra received five affirmative votes—Hewitt, Fierro, Nauer, Benezra, Herzstein. Commissioner Liang received twelve affirmative votes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin. Commissioner Liang was thusly elected Vice-Chair.

Nominations for Legislative Affairs Officer: commissioner Fierro nominated commissioner Benezra; commissioner Zukerman nominated commissioner Herzstein; commissioner LaCroix nominated commissioner Hirano.

There was a roll call vote on whether to elect commissioner Benezra, Herzstein or Hirano Legislative Affairs Officer. Commissioner Benezra received five affirmative votes—Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Nauer, Benezra, Kaminsky. Commissioner Hirano received six affirmative votes—Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Beaulac, LaCroix, Lin. Commissioner Herzstein received five affirmative votes—Zukerman, Hewitt, Yang, Herzstein, Chan. Commissioners Benezra and Hirano thus advanced to a run-off vote.

There was a run-off roll call vote on whether to elect commissioner Benezra or commissioner Hirano Legislative Affairs Officer. Commissioner Benezra received nine affirmative votes—Zukerman, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky. Commissioner Hirano received eight affirmative votes—Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hirano, Beaulac, Chan, LaCroix, Lin. Commissioner Benezra was thusly elected Legislative Affairs Officer.

Nominations for community outreach officer: commissioner Benezra nominated commissioner Fierro; commissioner LaCroix nominated commissioner Zukerman; commissioner Perez nominated commissioner Beaulac; commissioner Yang nominated herself; commissioner Hirano nominated commissioner Chan.

There was a roll vote on whether to elect commissioners Fierro, Zukerman, Beaulac, Yang or Chan as Community Outreach Officer. Commissioner Fierro received three affirmative votes—Fierro, Benezra, Kaminsky. Commissioner Zukerman received six affirmative votes—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Nauer, Herzstein. Commissioner Beaulac received three affirmative votes—Marshall-Fricker, Perez, Beaulac. Commissioner Yang received three affirmative

votes—Hirano, Yang, LaCroix. Commissioner Chan received two affirmative votes—Chan, Lin. Commissioners Zukerman, Beaulac, Fierro and Yang thus advanced to a second-round vote.

There was a roll vote on whether to elect commissioners Fierro, Zukerman, Beaulac, Yang as Community Outreach Officer. Commissioner Zukerman received six affirmative votes—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Nauer, Herzstein. Commissioner Beaulac received three affirmative votes—Marshall-Fricker, Perez, Beaulac. Commissioner Fierro received five affirmative votes—Fierro, Benezra, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin. Commissioner Yang received three affirmative votes—Hirano, Yang, LaCroix. Commissioners Zukerman and Fierro thus advanced to a final round of voting.

There was a final roll call vote on whether to elect commissioners Zukerman or Fierro as Community Outreach Officer. Commissioner Zukerman received seven affirmative votes—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Nauer, Herzstein, Chan. Commissioner Fierro received ten affirmative votes—Marshall-Fricker, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin. Commissioner Fierro was thusly elected Community Outreach Officer.

9. Attendance Review

Commissioner Nauer explained her absence from the second day of the retreat (illness). The commission voted to excuse this absence by the following roll call vote. Ayes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, LaCroix, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin. No's—None.

Commissioner Liang explained her absence from the second day of the retreat (goodbye to her sister). The commission voted to excuse this absence by the following roll call vote. Ayes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, LaCroix, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin. No's—None.

Commissioner Hirano explained his absence from both days of the retreat (a longstanding trip he had committed to before he was reappointed to the commission). The commission voted to excuse this absence by the following roll call vote. Ayes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, LaCroix, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin. No's—None.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Staff announced commissioner Hewitt's participation a press conference to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 10am at the Community Assessment Referral Center (44 Gough Street, San Francisco), announcing the publication of a pamphlet explaining the Police Department's protocol (filed as the Department General Order 7.01) regarding juvenile arrestees—a protocol the Youth Commission played a central role in developing, from 2003 all the way through the last term.

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order 5:31pm.
Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.
Commissioners absent: Nauer.
Staff present: Yedidia, Jay.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Zukerman moved to approve the day's agenda, seconded by commissioner Sun. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2010, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

5. Executive Committee & Staff Report

Commissioner Benezra, who serves as the commission's Legislative Affairs Officer, talked about the 12-question survey of San Francisco's youth that the Youth Commission would be writing, conducting and analyzing in the coming two months. She announced that each of the commission's three working groups and the Executive Committee would be tasked with writing 3 questions each for the survey, and that the final survey would be approved at the next full commission meeting of October 4, 2010.

Community Outreach Officer Fierro stated that, as would be the norm for the rest of the 2010-2011 term, the Executive Committee had calendared all the items for the day's meeting (i.e., September 20). Commissioner Fierro also encouraged her fellow commissioners (and the public!) to submit items to the Executive Committee to put on future meeting agendas.

6. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors

A. File no. 101096: Setting Nutritional Standards for Restaurant Food Sold Accompanied by Toys or other Youth Focused Incentive Items (Supervisor Mar; Campos, Chiu)

Presenters: Lin-Shao Chin, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mar
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Ms. Chin spoke relatively briefly—using using well under the ten minutes granted her by Chair LaCroix—in favor of the proposed legislation. She argued that the proposed ordinance, which sets nutritional standards for any restaurant meal that comes with an "incentive item" (i.e., toy) for youth, addresses San Francisco's so-called "food deserts"—that is, neighborhoods in San Francisco, many of which are primarily low-income and populated with people of color, that are bereft of healthy food options. Ms. Chin contended that the legislation would encourage fast food restaurants to provide healthier food.

Youth Commissioners Zukerman, Benezra, Yang Liang, Herzstein, LaCroix and Fierro asked Ms. Chin questions. These questions included, among other things, whether the intent (or probable effect) of the ordinance would be the closing of fast food franchises that currently offer incentive items in the City and County; how Supervisor Mar would respond to the California Restaurant Association's claim that the ordinance would do nothing to reduce childhood obesity; how such an ordinance would be cost neutral (a very important point in light of the City's overwhelming projected deficit for the 2012 fiscal year) given that, following on the fiscal realities of enforcing Santa Clara's so-called happy meal ban, enforcing Supervisor Mar's ordinance would cost the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) some $250,000; whether the law's nutritional standards would have the effect of making incentive meals more expensive for fast food restaurants; whether the Supervisor had polled people who live in "food desert" communities in San Francisco on their opinion of the proposed ordinance; and how reasonable it is to assume that the law would be effectively enforced, given that all punitive consequences for violating the ban are contingent upon on the complaints of San Francisco residents (most of whom, presumably, eat fast food).

In the course of her fielding of commissioners' queries, Ms. Chin conceded that there is no extant empirical evidence for such a law effectively combating childhood obesity; a similar ordinance, which was passed in the Spring of this year and became effective a mere few weeks ago, only applies to the unincorporated parts of Santa Clara County. Ms. Chin also cautioned that Supervisor Mar would not claim that this proposed ordinance would, as such, end childhood obesity in San Francisco; rather, Supervisor Mar feels that this ordinance is one strategy among many—she stated that he supports, for example, a pilot nutritional education and exercise program at Francisco Elementary School. Ms. Chin stated plainly that the Supervisor had not polled members of the public—whether they be residents of "food desert" communities or others—on their opinion of this legislation; instead, Supervisor Mar has been working with a number of advocacy organizations on the law. Ms. Chin noted that the ordinance as written would be cost neutral because, should it pass, DPH would not hire additional inspectors to enforce the law. Supervisor Mar has met with a number of owners of fast food franchises in San Francisco, and has assured them that the intent of the law is not to drive them out of town. Ms. Chin said she did not know whether the nutritional standards for incentive meals prescribed in the ordinance would make such meals more expensive to produce for fast food restaurants. Ms. Chin said she "did not know" whether the "average citizen" would call the City to complain in the event of a possible violation.

Chair LaCroix thanked Ms. Chin for her presentation and her answers. There was no public comment.

Legislative Affairs Officer Ava Benezra then read into the public record two letters expressing opposition to the proposed ordinance, authored, respectively, by California Restaurant Association (CRA) President & CEO Jot Condie and Creative Consumer Concepts' Founder and CEO Bob Cutler.

Commissioner Zukerman then moved to support the proposed ordinance, seconded by commissioner Chan. Staff Mario Yedidia, acknowledging that this was the first time the current term of Youth Commissioners had ever considered a piece of referred legislation, reminded commissioners that they should feel free to discuss this motion, that they needn't feel that debate was over, that—in effect—they should feel free not to rush.

Commissioners then discussed the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Fierro spoke in favor. She said that while Mr. Condie's letter notes that the CRA supports exercise among children as an essential tool in combating obesity among young people, as Ms. Chin had noted, exercise alone (or this proposed ordinance alone) would not end childhood obesity. Rather, the proposed ordinance was one tactic among many that, taken together, could very well decrease childhood obesity. Commissioner Yang suggested that it seemed reasonable to conclude that the ordinance, if passed *could* help combat childhood obesity; thus, given the Youth Commission's Chartered duty to represent the best interests of young people, perhaps the Youth Commission should urge the Board and Mayor to approve and enact the law. On the other hand, commissioner Yang suggested that in the effort to combat childhood obesity, perhaps City money (and the City's legislative energies and the staff time of DPH employees) could be better spent on nutritional education.

In turn, commissioner Herzstein commented that while he found the spirit behind the proposed ordinance quite admirable, he was opposed to the law; he cautioned that, if passed, the law could have the ironic effect of penalizing young San Franciscans who are effectively forced because of socioeconomic class and the reality of "food deserts" to eat at fast food restaurants. Commissioner Benezra echoed commissioner Herzstein's admiration for spirit and the aims of the ordinance, as well as his overall discomfort with the law's possible effects.

Commissioner Zukerman urged his colleagues to consider who was profiting from the current set-up regarding meals with incentive items, framing this in terms of "youth" versus "corporations." Commissioner Herzstein countered that fast food franchises were locally owned, and therefore were sources of livelihood for small business owners many of whom probably have children who are members of the Youth Commission's constituency.

Commissioner Sun spoke in support of the ordinance, arguing, metaphorically, that sometimes parents know best—and casting Supervisor Mar in the role of parent. Commissioner Liang suggested that it was problematic that there was no provision in the ordinance that would require the City to collect data that would help determine whether or not the ordinance was succeeding (i.e., helping curb childhood obesity).

Commissioner Hirano finally suggested to his colleagues that they heed the initial comments of Yang—namely, that it seems reasonable to conclude that the proposed ordinance could do something good for young people (i.e. help curb child hood obesity) and that, as such, the Youth Commission should support the ordinance. Commissioner Hirano then moved that the Youth Commission support the proposed ordinance, seconded by commissioner Fierro. This motion passed by the following roll call vote: "Ayes"—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin. "No's"—Marshall-Fricker, Herzstein.

Commissioners Zukerman, Benezra, Herzstein, Fierro, Hirano and Yang committed to helping craft a substantive memo reflecting the commission's preceding discussion to be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor as an accompaniment to the Commission's support of the ordinance.

7. Presentations

Commissioner Liang moved to take item 7B out of order, seconded by commissioner Chan. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Request for Partnership: Neighborhood Empowerment Network's Awards
Presenter: Daniel Homsey, Director, Neighborhood Empowerment Network, City Administrator's Office, General Services Agency
Documents H, I

Mr. Homsey provided the Youth Commission with an overview of the Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN), a joint project of the City's Department of Emergency Management and General Services Agency. NEN brings together community organizations, neighborhood groups, merchant associations, academic institutions and City government in an effort to improve quality of life and strengthen the social fabric of San Francisco's neighborhoods. Each year, NEN hosts an awards ceremony in City Hall, where neighborhood leaders are acknowledged and celebrated.

Subsequent to his Powerpoint presentation, Mr. Homsey requested that the Youth Commission move to formally endorse a partnership with NEN. Concretely, this partnership would mean that in the immediate future, the Youth Commission would (1) help develop a framework for a new NEN award for a neighborhood youth leader; (2) solicit nominations for a neighborhood youth leader from community members; and (3) come to the NEN awards!

After commissioners Zukerman and LaCroix asked brief questions, commissioner Fierro, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved that the Youth Commission enter into a kind of partnership with the NEN vis-à-vis this award ceremony. This motion was passed unanimously by acclamation.

Chair LaCroix thanked Mr. Homsey for his presentation.

A. An Overview of the Recreation and Parks Department
Presenter: Bob Palacio, Neighborhood Services Manager, Recreation and Parks Department
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At the outset, Mr. Palacio stated that one of the intended goals of his presentation was to begin the process of regularizing and making more regular communication between the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and the Youth Commission. Mr. Palacio then provided an overview of RPD, with special emphasis on the department's new recreation model, which was borne out of, in large part, the $12.4 million General Fund reduction with which the department was saddled for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Mr. Palacio made special mention of the department's retooled and robust scholarship policies and fund. Finally, Mr. Palacio described RPD's creation of Community Recreation Councils—neighborhood-specific advisory bodies, that are still in their incipient stages of formation, that will advise the department on local issues—and invited the Youth Commission to provide suggestions, comments or recommendations regarding their structure and membership (especially with respect to young people!).

Commissioners Fierro, Kaminsky, Chan and Sun thanked Mr. Palacio for his presentation and asked clarifying questions regarding the Community Recreation Councils, the substance of the department's scholarship policies, RPD's standardizing of its pool programming, how the projected deficit for the upcoming fiscal year would affect RPD's programming, and the status of the department's relationship to First Tee.

Public Comment:
Dede Hewitt encouraged the Youth Commission to inquire into RPD's recent firing of full time recreation directors and the effects of these terminations on the community, especially as this relates to gang and violence prevention; she also encouraged the Youth Commission to inquire into RPD's scholarship policy;
Javonte Holloway, a Western Addition resident who lives down the street from Hamilton Recreation Center, expressed his regret that recently laid off recreation directors weren't rehired;
Ahmani, a member of the Western Addition community, spoke against the firing of recreation directors, called for more youth programming and asked for the Youth Commission to get more regular updates from RPD on the new recreation model;
Marya Robinson said that on August 13th all front-line recreation workers were laid off and that on August 14th there were not enough employees in place, and argued that RPD had located its budget cuts precisely at the point where the department interacts with youth;
Marcus J. Snails, 12 years old, spoke out against the firing of recreation directors, given the father-like relationships many recreation directors have with the young people who frequent RPD facilities;
Marquis Chapman, spoke against the layoffs, arguing that recreation directors provide important mentorship;
Stanley Gough encouraged the Youth Commission to ask what services, if any, RPD was providing for young people reentering neighborhoods from Juvenile Hall.

Chair LaCroix thanked members of the public for their comments and for staying to speak throughout such a lengthy meeting. She said she hoped the Youth Commission would be able to provide them with some answers to their questions.

c. **Request for Feedback and Partnership: California Music and Culture Association's (CMAC) Campaign for a Violence-Free Halloween**
Presenter: Freida Edgette, Director, Barbary Coast Consulting
Documents J, K

Mr. Terrance Allan, Secretary of the California Music and Culture Association (CMAC), a new trade organization of late-night entertainment venue owners and music promoters, described CMAC's consciousness-raising campaign promoting a violence-free Halloween in 2010. He invited the Youth Commission to CMAC's kick-off at The Regency on October 20th.

There was no public comment.

Commissioners Fierro, Benezra and Yang asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner Herzstein moved to endorse CMAC's Dare to Take the Scare Out of Halloween campaign, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

8. Youth Commission Business

There was none.

9. Attendance Review

None to review.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner Sun invited her colleagues to a Saturday, October 2, District 4 Cleanup event, set to take place on the corner of Sunset Ave & Pacheco St.

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

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   Documents B, C, D

7. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Presentation and Request for Collaboration: MUNI Operators and Riders Expanding (MORE) Public Transportation Coalition's Campaign for Free Youth Fast Passes**
   Presenter: Donaji Luna, Organizer, People Organized to Win Employment Rights, MORE Public Transportation Coalition; others

   B. **Presentation and Request for Participation: Youth Advisory Council**
   Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
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   C. **Presentation and Request for Collaboration: SFUSD Register to Vote Campaign**
   Presenter: Robin Bonner, Senior, Downtown High School
   Document F

8. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Action Items)**

   A. **Finalizing the 2010 Survey of San Francisco Youth and Establishing: (1) Number of Surveys to be conducted; (2) Deadline for completing Surveys; (3) Outreach Plan**
   Presenters: Executive Committee & Youth Commission staff
   Document G, H

   B. **Amending Youth Commission By-Laws: Adding Additional Community Outreach Officer Position**
   Presenters: Executive Committee & Youth Commission staff
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   C. **Election of Community Outreach Officer**
   Presenter: Youth Commission staff

9. Attendance Review

A. Commissioner Nauer, September 20, 2010

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Commissioners absent: Fierro.
Commissioners tardy: Liang (arrived 5:52pm).
Staff present: Yedidia

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the evening's agenda, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
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Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Sun, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Monday, September 2, 2010. The Minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

5. Executive Committee & Staff Report

Staff Mario Yedidia invited commissioners to pick up their newly-arrived business cards, and he reminded commissioners to regularly check their mailboxes.

Chair LaCroix informed commissioners of a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 5, 2010 at 9:30am with San Francisco Unified School District Student Support Services staff and youth service providers regarding MUNI fast passes for homeless and marginally housed youth that are provided for through the Municipal Transportation Agency and the school district. The meeting was to be held at the offices of the South of Market Community Action Network in the South of Market Area.

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Ms. Veneracion provided commissioners with a broad historical and contextual overview of the South of Market (SOMA) Youth and Family Special Use District. The Special Use District was added to the planning code by ordinance in 2008, at the end of a huge, 10-year rezoning process of San Francisco's so-called Eastern Neighborhoods. She noted that at the Youth Commission's meeting of June 2, 2008, the commission voted to support the creation of the SOMA Youth and Family Zone Special Use District, after requests by the community organization South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN) and Youth Commissioner Jeremiah Español. The goal of the SOMA Youth and Family Zone is to expand the provision of affordable housing and "to protect and enhance the health and environment of youth and families." This area of the South of Market, between Natoma to the North and Harrison to the South and 7th St. to the West and 4th St. to the East has many "community assets," including the Filipino Education Center, the Eugene Friend Recreation Center, Bessie Carmichael Elementary School—resources that the Special Use District seeks to preserve, by assuring new development includes housing that is affordable to the families that currently live there.

The proposed amendments to the SOMA would subject any future developments in the entirety of the SOMA Youth and Family Zone to the affordable housing requirements that apply to the rest of the Zone (currently, any potential development occurring on the main streets in the zone—Howard, Folsom, Mission, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th—are exempted from the affordable housing requirements).

Commissioners Zukerman and Benezra asked clarifying questions.

Mr. Wertheim of the Planning Department provided a modest overview of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan rezoning process, making mention of two of the Plan's goals—providing more affordable housing and protecting blue collar jobs in the Southeast, formerly industrially-zoned neighborhoods of the City. He explained the two main ways the City creates affordable housing: charging developers either impact fees or increasing the affordable housing fees.

Mr. Wertheim explained that the proposed amendment to the SOMA Youth and Family Zone sponsored by Supervisor Daly would make future development within the Youth and Family Zone subject to *both* the highest impact fees and the highest affordability fees. Mr. Wertheim stated the Planning Department and Planning Commission had yet to take an official position on the proposed legislation. However, he expressed that the Planning Department was initially concerned that the high fees proposed by Supervisor Daly would make it too expensive and stop *any* development from happening at all.

Commissioner Herzstein suggested that perhaps the Youth Commission could take a more substantive position on the proposed ordinance after the Planning Commission had weighed in. Mr. Wertheim concurred, making mention of the fact that the Charter provides Planning with 90 days to respond to referred legislation, whereas the Youth Commission is given a mere 12 days.

Commissioner Yang asked if for any and all socioeconomic information about the people living in the SOMA Youth and Family Zone. Ms. Veneracion replied that she had no specific statistics in front of her, but from her recollection, based on the 2000 Census—and, to be sure, the 2010 Census will most certainly reveal significant changes in the demographics—about 30% of SOMA Youth and Family Zone residents make $25,000 or less a year. The neighborhood has a fair amount of Single Room Occupancy hotels and affordable housing developments (for example, the Minna Apartments).

Commissioner Chan asked if there were any more recent youth perspectives on the neighborhood and affordable housing, other than the United Youth for a Better SOMA: A Youth Led Needs Assessment, a 2007 DCYF-funded report included in the meeting agenda packet. Ms. Veneracion

stated that she was not aware of any more recent publication of that kind (i.e., one that captures youth perspectives on housing and other neighborhood issues in the SOMA), but that the report-in question helped contribute to

Commissioner Benezra asked about what constitutes a "conditional use authorization" in the Planning Code and in the SOMA Youth and Family Zone, and Mr. Wertheim replied.

Commissioner Yang asked about the perspectives and opinions of SOMA community members themselves about this amendment. Ms. Veneracion explained that the proposed amendment was brought to Supervisor Daly's office by SOMA community members, in particular, residents and advocates from the community organization the South of Market Community Action Network (SCOMCAN). Ms. Veneracion went on to explain that the proposed amendment would require future developments to include 22%--as opposed to 15%—inclusionary housing.

After further discussion amongst Youth Commissioners—and a discussion about the fact that the City Charter requires the Youth Commission to respond to legislation referred within 12 days, whereas the Planning Commission has up to 90 days—commissioner Chan, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to continue this item until after the Planning Commission takes a position on the matter. This motion passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chang, LaCroix, Lin. No's—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Hirano.

7. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Presentation and Request for Collaboration: MUNI Operators and Riders Expanding (MORE) Public Transportation Coalition's Campaign for Free Youth Fast Passes**
Presenter: Donaji Luna, Organizer, People Organized to Win Employment Rights, MORE Public Transportation Coalition; others

Members of the MUNI Operators and Riders Expanding Public Transportation Coalition— including Donaji Lona, People Organized to Win Employment Right (POWER); Juana Teresa Tello, POWER; Lauren Dangerfield, a student a June Jordan School for Equity; Howard Nelson, a MUNI operator; Dorian Maxwell, a MUNI Operator; Ernestina, POWER; and Frank Lara, ANSWER Coalition—spoke at length to the Youth Commission.

MORE members explained that their organization was formed recently in the wake of "the saturation raids." They explained that MORE wants to secure free fast passes for young people, arguing that many poor and working class young San Franciscans—especially those who live in the Bayview, the majority of whom must commute at least an hour to their high schools—do not have the means to consistently pay for MUNI access. MORE members pointed out that the Youth Commission has a history of working on the issue of free fast passes for all young—in 2008, Ms. Lona explained, the Youth Commission pushed on just such a campaign.

Commissioners Zukerman, Kaminsky, Zukerman, Chan, Benezra, Yang and LaCroix asked questions. MORE members argued that the MTA could provide young people with free fast passes with some of $60 million dollars. MORE members explained that they had yet to present their request for free fast passes to the MTA. MORE members claimed that the City is using municipal tax dollars to lobby the federal government for certain transit-related funds.

Chair LaCroix thanked the members of MORE Public Transportation for their presentation. She explained that the Youth Commission would probably convene a working group in the coming two weeks to discuss various MUNI-related issues, and would provide MORE with a response regarding their "request for collaboration" in the coming weeks.

B. Presentation and Request for Participation: Youth Advisory Council
Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
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Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), presented Youth Commissioners with an overview of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), an institution comprised of Youth Commissioners, young people on DCYF's Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board and other City government groups involving young people. Last year, commissioners LaCroix and Liang served on the YAC. The YAC, Ms. Abrahamian explained, is a place to receive trainings (for example, on writing resolutions), to share ideas with other like-minded young people and to organize youth summits.

Commissioners Sun, Lin, Chan and Beaulac expressed interest in joining the YAC.

Chair LaCroix thanked Ms. Abrahamian for her presentation.

C. Presentation and Request for Collaboration: SFUSD Register to Vote Campaign
Presenter: Robin Bonner, Senior, Downtown High School
Document F

Robin Bonner, a senior at San Francisco's Downtown High School, presented the Youth Commissioner with an overview of her campaign to register her fellow classmates to vote. Ms. Bonner argued that it is important for young people to be involved in their government, such that they can participate in the democratic process of governance. With the support her teachers and school staff, she is attempting to register to vote as many 16-18 year old Downtown students as possible.

Commissioners Zukerman, Herzstein, Chan and Benezra asked questions.

Commissioner Benezra, seconded by Chair LaCroix, moved to support this request for collaboration—with the provision that the Executive Committee or Youth Justice committee work more closely on this issue. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

8. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Action Items)

A. Finalizing the 2010 Survey of San Francisco Youth and Establishing: (1) Number of Surveys to be conducted; (2) Deadline for completing Surveys; (3) Outreach Plan
Presenters: Executive Committee & Youth Commission staff
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Commissioner Hirano read the entire survey aloud.

Commissioners engaged in an extended discussion and debate about particular questions and the purpose and meaning of the survey in general. The survey was amended in the following fashion:

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Hewitt, moved to delete the "name" question. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to replace the "zip" question to "neighborhood you live in." This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Liang, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to split question #4 into three questions, one question inquiring about information about sex and drugs together, the other asking about information about sex and the third regarding information about drugs. After discussion, Commissioner Liang rescinded her motion.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Benezra moved to change question #4 to the following:

(3) Do you feel you've gotten enough advice about sex and drugs?

a) Yes, from my parents
b) Yes, from my friends
c) Yes, from teachers, school staff
d) Yes, from the internet
e) No

This motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin. Absent—Marshall-Fricker.

Commissioner Liang, seconded by commissioner Nauer, moved to amend question #5 to include "Other_____." This motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Nauer, moved to have make each department—English and History and Math and Science—a possible answer on question #5. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Hewitt, seconded by commissioner Nauer, moved amend question #6 by allowing respondents to select more than one option. After some discussion, commissioner Hewitt rescinded her motion.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved to amend question #6 by directing respondents to rate each choice on a scale of 1-5, where 1 signifies least safe and 5 represents most safe. This motion was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved to amend question #8 by making uniform the phrase "buses and trains" in options a, b, and c. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner LaCroix, moved to add a question:
"Are you aware of the programs that the Recreation and Parks Department offers at little or no cost?

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner LaCroix, moved to change the Recreation and Parks-related question to:
"Have you been affected by the recent layoffs at the Rec and Parks Department?

a) Yes, in a positive way
b) Yes, in a negative way

c) No, it has not affected me"

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Hewitt, moved to approve the Youth Commission Fall 2010 Youth Survey, as amended, with questions 2a and 2b to be finalized by commissioner Hirano and approved by the Executive Committee. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Given the late hour, commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to postpone items 8B and 8C until the next meeting. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Amending Youth Commission By-Laws: Adding Additional Community Outreach Officer Position
Presenters: Executive Committee & Youth Commission staff
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C. Election of Community Outreach Officer
Presenter: Youth Commission staff

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. Commissioner Nauer, September 20, 2010

Commissioner Nauer explained the personal reasons behind her absence at the meeting of September 20, 2010. Commissioner Benezra, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved to excuse commissioner Nauer's absence. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

It was revealed that it was Commissioner Perez's birthday. The Youth Commission sang her "Happy Birthday."

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**
5. **Executive Committee & Staff Report**
6. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors**
7. **Presentations**

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   Presenters: Glenn Eagleson, Director of Policy & Planning, Office of Economic and Workforce Development; Sandra Naughton, Senior Planner & Policy Analyst, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
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   Presenter: Eddy Zheng, Counselor, Community Youth Center
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   E. Presentation on a New Day for Learning Initiative (Discussion and Possible Action)
   Presenters: Margaret Brodkin and Jamie Harris, New Day for Learning Initiative
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8. **Youth Commission Business (All Items below Action Items)**

   A. Resolution 1011—AL01: Affirming All LGBTQ Youth & Denouncing all Forms of Bullying and Ridicule (Commissioners Marshall-Fricker, Chan, Hirano)
   Presenters: Commissioners Marshall-Fricker, Chan, Hirano
   Document I

B. Supporting a Lowell High School U.S. History Class's Campaign to Reconsider the Status of *American Vision* as an Approved U.S. History Text
Presenter: Commissioner Liang
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D. Election of Second Community Outreach Officer
Presenter: Youth Commission staff

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A. Commissioner Fierro, October 4, 2010

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.
Commissioners tardy: Liang (arrived at 6:32pm), Fierro (arrived at 6:12pm).
Staff present: Jay, Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Given that commissioner Liang was noted absent, commissioner Kaminsky moved to table item 8b, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Sun, moved to approve the agenda as amended. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of October 4, 2010.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

Teteh Kisseh, liaison of the Richmond Youth Commission, introduced Richmond Youth Commissioners Claudia and Said, who were present in the audience. He explained that they had come to the San Francisco Youth Commission to observe and study the way it conducts public meetings.

Eddy Zheng of the Community Youth Center invited the Youth Commission and the public to the Multi-Ethnic Love Movement, an event to be held at Civic Center Plaza on Saturday, October 23, 2010 that is being organized by faith-based and community-based organizations to publicly address the absence of many fathers of color in the lives of their children.

Mr. Zheng also invited the Youth Commission and the public to "Living Beyond Limits," an event organized by the Third Street Baptist Church and will be held on November 13 from 8-10pm and will address violence between African-Americans and Chinese-Americans in the Bayview/Hunter's Point District.

5. Executive Committee & Staff Report

Chair LaCroix explained that the New Leadership Institute in a non-profit organization that seeks to encourage environmental conservation and protection by celebrating young environmentalists with an award ceremony called the Brower Awards. Chair LaCroix noted that this year, two-term former Youth Commissioner (and 2008-2009 Youth Commission Chair) De'Anthony Jones was among this year's Brower Award Winners. Chair LaCroix, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve six resolutions of commendation, one for each of the 2010 Brower Award winners. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

6. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors

7. Presentations

A. Presentation on San Francisco's Youth Workforce Development Programs (Discussion Only)
Presenters: Glenn Eagleson, Director of Policy & Planning, Office of Economic and Workforce Development; Sandra Naughton, Senior Planner & Policy Analyst, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
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Glenn Eagleson of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OWED) provided a high-level overview of the job-training services provided to young people by the City and County of San Francisco. Mr. Eagleson explained that the City has two primary streams of money for youth workforce programming—the City's General Fund and federal dollars instituted by a piece of legislation called the Workforce Investment Act (WIA); he noted that City government supplements these two funding streams with modest revenue from the state and the Children's Fund.

Job training programming is bureaucratically divided in the following way: OEWD is responsible for coordinating all workforce programming (like the "One Stop Centers") for 16-24 year olds, while the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), serves 13-18 year olds. The Youth Council—a public body of young people, service providers, and academics and City officials—makes policy decisions about the strategic and programmatic use of workforce development funding.

Mr. Eagleson went on to explain that in this present moment of huge fiscal deficits, the Youth Council had decided to prioritize the most needy 12-25 year olds. The Youth Council made the policy decision to define needy young people as those who are "system-involved" (that is, involved in the juvenile justice, foster care and/or mental health systems) and/or pregnant and parenting. The Youth Council also determined to set three goals for youth workforce development in San Francisco: that programs focus on *educational attainment* (especially for those young people without high school diplomas or GEDs) on *the quality of program services* (though the City funds over 70 job training projects, internships and the like, the quality of such programs has been very inconsistent. Finally, Mr. Eagleson explained that the Youth Council has been critical in identifying how OEWD and DCYF should align their funding stream and bidding procedures—so that the many different streams of money and the patchwork of workforce projects that the City funds are being used and supported strategically.

Public comment:
Eddy Zheng expressed his thankfulness to Mr. Eagleson for his presentation, and went on to that in his work as a community organizer and counselor with the Community Youth Center, Mr. Zheng does outreach to lots of young people who are unemployed—there are still too many unemployed young

people who want to have jobs, for whom the lure of easy money (through dealing drugs, for example) is a great temptation.

Beck, a Youth Program Coordinator with the San Francisco LGBTQ Community Center, explained that the Center used to have 2 stipended internship positions funded by DCYF that targeted queer and transgender youth on the streets; the Center's LGBTQ population has been systematically defunded he said. Beck asked Mr. Eagleson and DCYF—and encouraged the Youth Commission to ask—if HIV positive, queer and transgender youth were included in the City's definition of at risk youth.

Commissioners LaCroix, Chan and Benezra asked clarifying questions of Mr. Eagleson, who addressed the concerns raised by the speakers in public comment by readily conceding that the City is unable to provide all of the resources that are needed for San Francisco's young people; the City's immense budget deficits have gravely affected youth workforce funding.

In closing, Chair LaCroix thanked Mr. Eagleson for his presentation, and Mr. Eagleson invited the Youth Commission to the next meeting of the Youth Council, set for Monday, October 25 at 4:30pm at 1 South Van Ness Ave.

B. Presentation and Request for Help on Recreation and Park Youth Access and Accountability Campaign—a collaboration of the South of Market Community Action Network, Connect 2 Protect, Youth Empowering SOMA and Queer Youth Leadership Team (Discussion and Possible Action)
Presenter: Adele Carpenter, Connect 2 Protect, and others
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Mai Doan, Youth Organizer with the South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN), began the presentation by reminding the Youth Commission that SOMCAN's youth members have been engaging with the City's Recreation and Parks Department (RPD)—and its new programming and staffing models in particular—for the last year or so. In September of 2009, for example, SOMCAN came to the Youth Commission and successfully urged the commission to call on RPD to reverse recent policy changes at the Eugene Friend Recreation Center in the SoMa—policy changes that SOMCAN and the Youth Commission contended were greatly restricting young people's access to RPD resources.

Ms. Doan went on to explain that, in light of recent, citywide RPD policy changes, SOMCAN, Connect 2 Protect, Youth Empowering SoMa, the Queer Youth Leadership team and other community organizations had formed a coalition recently named the "Youth Uniting to Reclaim Recreation Space" (YURRS). YURRS has been formed and as has come to the Youth Commission to seek assistance in holding RPD accountable to the diverse communities of San Francisco young people—and to assure that RPD facilities remain accessible to all (and especially the most vulnerable, at risk and needy) young people.

Dean Bonilla then spoke about spending time at the Eureka Valley Rec Center, where there are many LGBTQ young people (especially between the ages of 18-24). Mr. Bonilla said that the Eureka Valley Rec Center is important because it is one of the few all-ages and cost-free spaces in the Castro where young people can build healthy relationships outside of the club and bar scene that dominates that neighborhood's social life. He also argued against RPD's recent demand that young people pay to use the Eureka Valley Rec Center and bring documentation in order to enroll in the department's

scholarship policy—for low-income, transient, homeless and/or transitionally housed LGBTQ youth these two facts restrict access.

Adele Carpenter of the Connect 2 Protect Coalition and Beck, Youth Program Coordinator at the SF LGBTQ Community Center argued that it has been difficult to work with RPD since its recent restructure in the last few months. Ms. Carpenter explained that the incipient YURRS coalition had developed a list of community-generated suggestions that they would like to

Greco of Youth Empowering SoMa spoke of his feelings regarding new staff at the Eugene Friend Rec Center in the SoMa, who are not as friendly as Greco would like. Harris from SOMCAN and Sander spoke a bit more about the community-generated suggestions that YURRS will present to RPD, including the creation of a Youth Council within RPD that will have the ability to evaluate and change youth programs and their budgets.

Commissioners Zukerman, Chan and Benezra asked questions fielded by Ms. Carpenter. Commissioner Chan, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to support the YURRS campaign "as an idea." This motion was adopted by the following roll call vote. Ayes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

Chair LaCroix thanked the members of the YURRS coalition for their presentation.

C. Presentation on MyVerse, "The Ultimate Website for Teens and Young Adults" (Discussion and Possible Action)
Presenter: Wayne Sharp, Founder/CEO, MyVerse
See www.myverse.com

Given Mr. Sharp's absence, this item was tabled.

D. Presentation and Request for Help on Eddy Zheng's Legal Status and Career (Discussion and Possible Action)
Presenter: Eddy Zheng, Counselor, Community Youth Center
Documents E, F

Eddy Zheng, counselor at the Community Youth Center, read a poem and explained his autobiography to the Youth Commission. A teenage immigrant recently come to San Francisco's Chinatown from mainland China, he committed a kidnapping and robbery. Charged as an adult, Mr. Zheng was charged and convicted as adult; he spent 19 years in state prison and then another 2 years in federal prison. Because of his documentation status—Mr. Zheng is not a legal resident of the United States—he is seeking a pardon from Governor of the State of California, which provide the San Francisco District Attorney with opportunity to amend the charges of which he was convicted. Without such amending of his charges, Mr. Zheng, a convicted felon, will be unable to obtain legal residency in the U.S. He was a model prisoner and mentor and has served as a counselor to at-risk youth for the vast majority of the less-than-nine months he has lived out of prison. He is a member of various editorial, nonprofit, and social service boards. The Board of Supervisors has already unanimously adopted two resolutions calling on the Governor to grant Mr. Zheng a full pardon.

Commissioners Yang, Zukerman, Benezra, Fierro, Nauer, Herzstein and Hirano asked questions and made comments.

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Chan, moved to support Eddy Zheng's request to write a resolution calling on the Governor to grant him a full pardon and to write a resolution articulating as much. This motion was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

E. Presentation on a New Day for Learning Initiative (Discussion and Possible Action)
Presenters: Margaret Brodkin and Jamie Harris, New Day for Learning Initiative
Document G, H

Given Ms. Brodkin and Ms. Harris' absence, this item was tabled.

8. Youth Commission Business (All Items below Action Items)

A. Resolution 1011—AL01: Affirming All LGBTQ Youth & Denouncing all Forms of Bullying and Ridicule (Commissioners Marshall-Fricker, Chan, Hirano)
Presenters: Commissioners Marshall-Fricker, Chan, Hirano
Document I

Per Commissioner Marshall-Fricker's request, Commissioner Hirano read the resolution into the public record.

Commissioner Kaminsky suggested that on line 3 of page 1, first time LGBTQ is employed, that this acronym be spelled out. Chair LaCroix suggested that footnotes be added with the sources of any cited statistics.

Commissioners Yang, Sun and Hirano led a conversation about the utility of this resolution. What is the point of writing and passing a resolution such as this one which will, from one point of view, "do nothing" in the "real world" to stop the harassment of LGBTQ youth? Commissioners argued that, however symbolic, resolutions such as this were important in changing the phenomenon of intolerance in general and homophobia in particular in our society.

Given the gravity of recent events and the desire to have the Youth Commission speak out quickly and forcefully on this pressing issue, Chair LaCroix, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to suspend the Youth Commission bylaws and vote on this resolution on the first reading. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Chair LaCroix, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to adopt this resolution. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Supporting a Lowell High School U.S. History Class's Campaign to Reconsider the Status of *American Vision* as an Approved U.S. History Text
Presenter: Commissioner Liang
Documents J, K

Commissioner Liang, being present, took item 8B from the table, and went on to explain the campaign being waged by her history teacher at Lowell High School that questions the objectivity and political effects of the approved U.S. history text, *The American Vision*.

Commissioners Sun, Fierro, Kaminsky, Herzstein, and Nauer asked questions. Commissioner Kaminsky suggested this item be taken up by the joint Youth Commission/Student Advisory Council meeting; commissioner Liang agreed. The Youth Commission took no official position on this issue.

C. Amending Youth Commission By-Laws: Adding Additional Community Outreach Officer Position
Presenters: Executive Committee & Youth Commission staff
Document L

Chair LaCroix and commissioner Fierro explained that, given commissioner Fierro's busy schedule, it would be most expeditious for the Youth Commission to have two Community Outreach Officers. To elect a second community outreach officer, the commission would have to amend its bylaws.

Commissioners Yang and Benezra asked questions.

After discussion, commissioner Nauer, seconded by commissioner Fierro, moved to amend the Youth Commission bylaws by adding a second community outreach officer to the elected officer positions. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

D. Election of Second Community Outreach Officer
Presenter: Youth Commission staff

Staff Mario Yedidia explained that, as per the bylaws, this item called for nominations, speeches and voting for a second Community Outreach Officer.

Commissioner Nauer nominated commissioner Zukerman, who declined to run.

Commissioner Benezra nominated commissioner Nauer, who declined to run.

Commissioner Fierro nominated commissioner Beaulac.

Commissioner Yang nominated herself.

After commissioners Beaulac and Yang gave their brief remarks, the Youth Commission voted on whom to elect to the position of Community Outreach Officer. Commissioner Beaulac was elected by the following vote: Beaulac—Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Beaulac, Nauer, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin. Yang—Zukerman, Liang, Hewitt, Hirano, Yang, Benezra, LaCroix.

E. Finalizing the 2010 Youth Survey and Establishing: (1) Number of Surveys to be conducted; (2)
Deadline for completing Surveys; (3) Outreach Plan
Presenters: Executive Committee & Youth Commission staff
Document M

After an introduction to this item by Chair LaCroix and Youth Commission staff, Commissioner Herzstein initiated an involved, commission-wide conversation on the nature, necessity, origin and utility of the 2010 Youth Commission survey. Topics discussed included: the utility of the survey given the existence of other youth polling sources, like the Youth Vote Student Survey and Youth Risk Behavior Survey; the utility of the survey given the limited reach of these other surveys.

Questions were addressed to Youth Commission Interim Director Jill Jay, who explained that the Youth Commission survey was not a duplication of cost and effort when compared with Youth Vote and other surveys of San Francisco's youth, given that most surveys are based in the public high schools. Given that the job of the Youth Commission is to represent all of San Francisco's 12-23 year olds, the new survey goes a long way towards helping the Youth Commission fulfill its duties as they are outline in Section 4.124 of the City Charter.

After much discussion, commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Nauer, moved to (1) allow Chair LaCroix to appoint a special committee that would meet this week to discuss the Youth Commission survey and develop a plan and proposal that would be considered at (2) a special meeting of the Youth Commission that will be held before Monday, November 1 (i.e., before the next regularly scheduled Youth Commission meeting). This motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Ayes—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. Commissioner Fierro, October 4, 2010

Commissioner Fierro explained the personal, familial reasons she was unable to attend the meeting of October 4, 2010. Commissioner Nauer, seconded by commissioner Liang, moved to excuse commissioner Fierro's absence. This motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes—Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin; No's--Zukerman.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner Chan announced an upcoming series of musical concerts at the School of the Arts, to be held Friday & Saturday, October 22 and 23, beginning at 7:30pm.

Commissioner Benezra invited her colleagues to a debate and discussion concerning the Civil Sidewalks ballot measure (Proposition L), to be held at Lick-Wilmerding High School on October 27.

Commissioner Fierro invited commissioners to the upcoming school play at St. Ignatius High School.

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Agenda

Special Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

5:30-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 305

There will be public comment on each item.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

4. Executive Committee & Staff Report

5. Youth Commission Business

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A. Adopting a data-gathering plan on San Francisco's youth, a framework for Youth Commission outreach, and a researching and writing strategy in order to produce a report on The State of San Francisco's Youth by January 1, 2011 (Action Item)

6. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

7. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes
Special Meeting
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 305

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.
Commissioners present: LaCroix, Benezra, Yang, Hewitt, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Chan, Hirano, Kaminsky, Zukerman
Commissioners tardy: Perez (arrived 5:34pm), Nauer (arrived 5:41pm).
Commissioners absent: Liang, Fierro, Beaulac, Herzstein, Lin

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Nauer, moved to approve the day's agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

4. Executive Committee & Staff Report

There was nothing to report.

5. Youth Commission Business

A. Adopting a data-gathering plan on San Francisco's youth, a framework for Youth Commission outreach, and a researching and writing strategy in order to produce a report on *The State of San Francisco's Youth* by January 1, 2011 (Action Item)

See Document A

There was much discussion about the origin and purpose of the Youth Commission Survey of San Francisco Youth that the full Youth Commission adopted on October 4, 2010—in particular, the need to gather information about young San Franciscans who are not captured in the usual surveys (i.e., the Youth Vote Student Survey, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the American Community Survey). There was also a lot of discussion about the purpose of writing a report on the state of San Francisco's Youth.

Commissioner Kaminsky moved to remove LGBTQQ youth and immigrant youth from the outreach plan. After much discussion, there was no second for this motion.

Next, Youth Commissioners amended the outreach plan by volunteering themselves and their colleagues to do outreach to particular subpopulations of young people.

Eventually, commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved to adopt the amended outreach plan. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

After discussion of the timeline, commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved to approve the timeline—the major benchmarks of which are November 15 (collection/completion of ALL surveys); December 6 (completion of Draft 1 of the report) and January 3 (adoption of final version of report). This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

6. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Given all of the work the Youth Commission has to do and the fact that the holidays are fast approaching, Commissioner Kaminsky said he would make a Google calendar accessible to the entire commission in order to share schedules.

7. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

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Greetings Nikki, Matthew and Laurel,

I hope this finds each of you well.

The Youth Commission's meeting of November 1, 2010 has been cancelled. The commission will meet next on Monday, November 15.

All the Best,
Mario

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Agenda

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

5. **Executive Committee & Staff Report**

6. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors**

   A. File no. 101094: Child Care Centers for City Projects and City-Funded Projects (Supervisor Dufty; Alioto-Pier)
   Presenters: Todd David, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Dufty; Mardi Lucich, Citywide Child Care Administrator, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
   Documents D, E

   B. File no. 101311: Administrative Code Amendment—San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (Supervisor Avalos)
   Presenters: Supervisor John Avalos; Guillermo Rodriguez, Director, Citybuild, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
   Documents F, G, H

7. **Presentations**

8. **Youth Commission Business (All Items below Action Items)**

   A. Resolution 1011—AL02: Supporting the First Annual Know Your Rights Event at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco (Commissioner Kaminsky)
   Presenter: Commissioner Kaminsky
   Document I

9. **Attendance Review (Action Item)**

   A. Absences: Commissioners Liang, Fierro, Beaulac, Herzstein, Lin—October 27, 2010

   B. Absence: Commissioner Fierro—October 4, 2010

   B. Absence by 2 significant tardies (Bylaws, Section VI.1(c)): Commissioner Liang—October 4, October 18

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10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.
Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix.
Commissioners absent: Liang, Hewitt, Fierro, Benezra, Lin.
Commissioners tardy: Nauer (arrived 5:36pm).
Staff present: Jay, Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Hirano, moved to approve the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Documents A, B, C

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to approve the minutes to the meetings of October 18, 2010 and October 27, 2010, as well as the *Youth Commission Fall 2010 Survey Outreach Plan and Report Writing Timeline* (the latter of which was initially adopted on October 27, 2010).

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

5. Executive Committee & Staff Report

Chair LaCroix congratulated her colleagues on soliciting, over the course of the past two weeks, hundreds of surveys of targeted youth populations that are not normally reached by the most common surveys of San Francisco's young people.

Chair LaCroix then summarized a conference call in which she and staff member Mario Yedidia participated the past Saturday, November 13, with young people from New Orleans who are seeking to establish an advisory body similar to the Youth Commission that would provide comment and recommendation on policy and law to the municipal government in New Orleans; Chair LaCroix mentioned that members of youth government advisory bodies from Portland, OR and Boise, ID also participated in this conference call.

Furthermore, Chair LaCroix invited Youth Commissioners and the public to the Neighborhood Empowerment Network 2010 Awards ceremony, set for 6pm on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 in the North Light Court of City Hall.

Finally, Chair LaCroix solicited her colleagues' interest in and support for two potential upcoming hearings to be sponsored by the Youth Commission, one regarding bullying of LGBTQ young people and the other concerning the implementation of Clipper cards among young MUNI riders and the Youth Lifeline hearings.

Subsequently, commissioners Sun and Chan updated their colleagues on a leadership retreat that had been held the past Saturday, November 13 with members of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The YAC is a Department of Children, Youth and Their Families-sponsored institution comprised of Youth Commissioners and youth members of the Student Advisory Council, the Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board and the Transitional Age Youth Initiative. Commissioners Sun and Chan vowed to keep their Youth Commission colleagues regularly updated and informed as to the possible collaborations—with respect to policy, research and other advisory activities—between the Youth Commission and the YAC.

6. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors

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Documents D, E

Mr. David of Supervisor Dufty's office argued that, in broad strokes, this proposed ordinance—which would amend the Planning Code by requiring City departments and developers of City-supported construction projects to undertake a study on the feasibility of providing a childcare center in any new structure—was a first step in addressing the unmet need for high quality childcare throughout the City.

Ms. Lucich then provided an overview of the need for and availability of (or rather, the lack thereof) childcare in San Francisco. She explained that in 2006 Mayor Newsom directed DCYF to engage the city's private sector in addressing the manifest need for childcare; this directive precipitated the publication of a childcare Economic Impact Study, a report which demonstrated that the business of childcare in the Bay Area is a multimillion dollar industry in its own right. A subsequent report by the Bay Area Council argued that high quality early childcare is critical for the health and productivity of the region's future workforce. Ms. Lucich repeatedly underscored the statistic that 57% of working families in San Francisco who need child care are unable to access it.

Commissioners LaCroix and Kaminsky asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment:
Sharen Hewitt, the Executive Director of the CLEAR Project, urged the Youth Commission to support the proposed ordinance; she also encouraged the Youth Commission to launch an investigation into the recent killing of a three year old child in Potrero Hill.

Commissioners Nauer, Hirano and Kaminsky led a subsequent discussion about the potential benefits of the proposed ordinance. It was agreed that, given both the Youth Commission's

Chartered duty to advise the City on the "unmet needs" of San Francisco's youth and the evident lack thereof, the proposed ordinance seemed like a good idea. Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to have the Youth Commission support the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Herzstein hazarded that, despite the fact that the intentions behind the ordinance were uncontroversially worthy of praise, the possibility existed that the ordinance's effect would be not the production of more child care facilities, but, rather, just another bureaucratic report clogging up the City's system. "Is this progressive enough? Are we doing enough to meet [young people's] unmet needs? But this is definitely a step in the right direction," commissioner Herzstein said. Chair LaCroix concurred with commissioner Herzstein's comments; "there's not much teeth" in this ordinance, she commented.

Ultimately, the motion to support the proposed ordinance was adopted by the following unanimous roll call vote: Ayes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

Chair LaCroix reopened public comment.

Josh Arce, a self-described civil rights attorney by training, thanked the Youth Commission for their work on the occasion of his first visit to the commission.

B. File no. 101311: Administrative Code Amendment—San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (Supervisor Avalos)
Presenters: Supervisor John Avalos; Guillermo Rodriguez, Director, CityBuild, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Documents F, G, H

Supervisor Avalos introduced this proposed ordinance by remarking on the presence of a member of the public at the meeting—activist Sharen Hewitt. Supervisor Avalos asserted that through her work to create the First Source hiring program with the City's Human Services Agency some 12 years ago, Hewitt could reasonably be considered to have initiated the local hiring policy that his proposed ordinance-in-question. The goal of both the First Source program and the proposed ordinance before the Youth Commission was one in the same: to hire San Franciscans on the billions of dollars worth of public works construction projects that the City undertakes.

Supervisor Avalos made mention of two recent studies, cited in the ordinance, which show that contractors on San Francisco public works projects are failing to hire locally for at least 50% of their workforce—the studies show the numbers are closer to 24% and 20%. The Supervisor observed that the City will spend some $30 billion on capital projects over the next 10 years, and that such projects will inevitably produce a vast number of jobs. The aim of his ordinance, then, is to assure that these jobs go to native San Franciscans, especially those from low-income communities.

The Supervisor explained that the proposed ordinance would, over the course of three years, phase in a requirement (as opposed to the "good faith effort" that currently exists) that ultimately 50% of all construction workers on public works projects be San Franciscans. Supervisor Avalos conceded that three years was an aggressive timeline for such a sweeping requirement. At the same time, the Supervisor explained that the proposed ordinance took much time to craft, and that it was borne of numerous conversations with stakeholders—in communities of concerned citizens, among

contractors and others in the construction industry, with union representatives from the Building Trades Council. Supervisor Avalos went on to say that he would be introducing an amended version of the ordinance—and amendment of the whole—at the next full meeting of the Board of Supervisors; though the precise details of the amendments which would be included in this new version were unclear, Supervisor Avalos suggested that the new version would probably lower the number of mandated local hires and decelerate the phase-in timeline.

The Supervisor concluded his introductory remarks by highlighting certain features of the proposed ordinance: the law would require contractors to hire disadvantaged workers (that is, San Franciscans from low-income communities), and thus he argued that the law could properly be considered "an anti-poverty program;" the ordinance provides incentives for contractors who exceed the local mandates in addition to the damages and penalties required from those who flout the law. Supervisor Avalos asked the Youth Commission to support this law.

Mr. Rodriguez of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) then spoke. He explained that in light of the city's high unemployment rate, OEWD has been engaged with the issue of job-creation. He reiterated the facts Supervisor Avalos had laid out regarding the context for the law—namely, the two studies of the construction industry and the current "good faith" First Source policy; the massive amount of money that the City spends on and considerable amount of jobs that City creates through public works construction—and concluded by saying that the Mayor supports a workable policy of local hiring, but one that must do just that—i.e., *work* on the ground

Commissioner Kaminsky then inquired as to whether a mandated local hiring policy would increase the cost of contractor bids. Mr. Rodriguez replied by citing the opinion of the City's Chief Economist: there would indeed be a 3-5% escalation in the price of contractor bids, but this would be more than outweighed by the revenue collected through taxes through the increased amount of money spent locally by better-compensated San Franciscans newly employed in the construction industry.

Commissioner Yang explained that her uncles are immigrants and aspiring construction workers; she wondered if they would they be able to benefit from this ordinance despite their lack of English-language skills. Supervisor Avalos said that the construction jobs that his proposed ordinance would affect would, presumably and hopefully, be available to competent construction workers with limited English skills.

Commissioner Herzstein suggested that, from the perspective of a contractor (among other employers), the most pressing requirement in a prospective employee is her or his job readiness; wouldn't the Supervisor's proposed ordinance make contractors' jobs impossibly difficult? Supervisor Avalos countered that this was not necessarily the case. He asserted that most contractors with whom he has been in contact during the drafting of the ordinance—including massive companies that win many City bids like Webcore and Nibbi—are not against the law; the Supervisor asserted that during the three-hour-plus informational hearing at the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee last week, only one member of the public spoke out against the law. From a certain business perspective, the Supervisor said, a local hiring policy is merely another requirement established by the client (in this case, the City), and, as with any industry or enterprise, businesses must meet such requirements in order to successfully service their clients.

Commissioner inquired as to what the current policy of "good faith" amounts to. Supervisor Avalos and Mr. Rodriguez replied by characterizing the current policy as "a term of art." They said the current local hiring policy is largely ineffective.

Public Comment
Sharen Hewitt encouraged the Youth Commission to encourage Supervisor Avalos to amend the ordinance to include accelerated training for disadvantaged San Franciscans and suggested that the law should also be amended to include specific provisions for people coming out of jail and prison.

Michael Theriault, Secretary-Treasurer for the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council urged the Youth Commission not to support the proposed ordinance; he argued that the unions in the Building Trades Council are comprised by 70% people of color and that the proposed ordinance would in fact be counterproductive.

Josh Arce of the Brightline Defense Project spoke in support of the law, arguing that the Building Trades were almost alone among the city's organized labor unions in opposing the law; he also suggested that, as per the Congressional Budget Office, every $1 put into the hands of a working person ends up amounting to $1.50 to $2 injection into the local economy

There followed a heated exchange of questions and answers from commissioners Sun, Kaminsky, Herzstein, LaCroix and Zukerman, alternately fielded by Supervisor Avalos and Mr. Theriault. Among the many inquiries involved in this exchange, Chair LaCroix asked Supervisor Avalos, given his present position requesting the support of the Youth Commission, to specify how the proposed ordinance would affect young people in particular. The Supervisor argued that passage of the law would translate directly into numerous well-compensated jobs for young people who wish to work; perhaps, in particular, young people who have completed high school or have had difficulty with their high school studies. The local hiring policy would also provide jobs for young people who have completed the CityBuild program, many of whom leave the program with training without consistent employment. Supervisor Avalos conceded that the legislation as written does not explicitly address the question of the age of the targeted workers. However, he said that should the Youth Commission propose specific amendments on this account, he would be open to considering such amendments.

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved for the Youth Commission to take no position on this ordinance for three reasons: the Supervisor had conceded that the version in front of the commission was not the final version; the economic issues that bear upon the law are too complicated for the Youth Commission to competently take on; and the law is not expressly related to youth.

Supervisor Avalos made a final comment, explaining that he had worked on youth employment issues for some 13 years; he began this work as an intern at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, where he studied the City's existing contracts, where he became convinced that employment was a critical tool in violence prevention—and the Supervisor considered his proposed ordinance to be an extension of this work.

There was comment and discussion on this motion from commissioners Zukerman, Nauer,

This motion failed by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Sun, Perez, Hirano, Nauer, Herzstein, LaCroix; No's—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Beaulac, Yang, Kaminsky, Chan.

Chair LaCroix called a recess at 7:18pm.

Chair LaCroix resumed the meeting at 7:36pm. She reminded her colleagues of their chartered duty to identify the unmet needs of San Francisco's young people. Given the fact of persistent

unemployment among young people in San Francisco, Chair LaCroix, seconded by Marshall-Fricker, moved to support the proposed ordinance.

This motion failed by the following roll call vote. Ayes—Sun, Beaulac, Yang, Kaminsky, Chang, LaCroix. No's—Perez, Hirano, Nauer, Herzstein.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner, moved to continue this item to the next meeting. This motion was adopted on the following roll call vote. Ayes—Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix. No's—Marshall-Fricker.

7. Presentations

8. Youth Commission Business (All Items below Action Items)

A. Resolution 1011—AL02: Supporting the First Annual Know Your Rights Event at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco (Commissioner Kaminsky)
Presenter: Commissioner Kaminsky
Document I

Commissioner Kaminsky read the resolution into the public record.

There was a brief discussion of the logistics of the Know Your Rights Event, which did not bear upon the resolution itself.

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. Absences: Commissioners Liang, Fierro, Beaulac, Herzstein, Lin—October 27, 2010

Commissioners Beaulac and Herzstein provided brief explanations for their absences at the previous meeting.

Chair LaCroix, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to authorize both absences. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Absence: Commissioner Fierro—October 4, 2010

This item was needlessly calendared, as this absence had already been authorized by the full Youth Commission at the meeting of October 18, 2010.

B. Absence by 2 significant tardies (Bylaws, Section VI.1(c)): Commissioner Liang—October 4, October 18

This item was continued given commissioner Liang's absence.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Chair LaCroix encouraged her colleagues to attend the upcoming vocal jazz concert, to be held Tuesday, November 16 at 8pm, in the auditorium of San Francisco State.

Commissioner Chan encouraged her colleagues to attend a piano recital at the School of the Arts, set for 7:30pm on Friday, December 3

Commissioner Kaminsky congratulated the San Francisco Giants for winning the World Series.

Commissioner Yang encouraged her colleagues to help her in doing outreach to the Mission YMCA. Commissioner Beaulac agreed to help.

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Agenda

Special Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

4:00-5:30pm

City Hall, Room 421

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

4. Executive Committee & Staff Report

5. Youth Commission Business

A. Discussion of Rosenberg's Rules of Order and Youth Commission Bylaws (Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Finalizing the Youth Commission's two public hearings (one on bullying of LGBTQ youth and the other addressing MUNI's distribution of Clipper cards to youth riders, as well as the school district and MUNI's implementation of the Youth Lifeline fast pass) set for December 8, 2010

6. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

7. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Fierro called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Sun, moved to approve the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

4. Executive Committee & Staff Report

Staff Mario Yedidia thanked commissioners for their participation and presence at this critical special meeting.

Yedidia then called the roll.
Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky.
Commissioners absent: Chan, Lin.
Commissioners tardy: Liang (4:12pm), LaCroix (5:10pm).
Staff present: Yedidia, Jay.

5. Youth Commission Business

A. Discussion of Rosenberg's Rules of Order and Youth Commission Bylaws (Discussion and Possible Action)

Staff Yedidia introduced this item by remarking on the lengthy, somewhat chaotic character of the last meeting of the full Youth Commission (i.e., November 15, 2010), as well as the general lengthiness of the great majority of the commission's meetings thus far during the 2010-2011 term. Yedidia then encouraged commissioners to share their comments, questions and concerns about the supplementary document for this agenda item, the *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* handout, which outlines a simple set of parliamentary procedures. Yedidia concluded his introductory staff presentation by reminding commissioners that rules of order—as well as transparency, public meeting and open records laws—did not exist for themselves; rather, parliamentary procedure and the Sunshine Ordinance and Brown Act exist to ensure the public's right to democratic, participatory input into the workings of government.

Acting Chair Liang then led Youth Commissioners through a discussion about Rosenberg's Rules of Order and their relative utility with respect to the way Youth Commission meetings are conducted. Commissioner Nauer suggested that commissioners put forward observations they have gleaned from the conduct of previous Youth Commission meetings during the 201-2011 term—and, then, read aloud and otherwise discuss portions of the *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* text that bear on those observations.

Fierro suggested that, given the difficulty she and her colleagues have had with understanding basic motions, the commission read aloud section entitled "The Three Basic Motions." Subsequently, commissioners Benezra, Herzstein and Fierro read through that section. Commissioner Hirano underscored the importance of these motions; in turn, commissioner Herzstein urged commissioners to take heed of the substitute motion.

Then, Commissioner Herzstein emphasized the power of the chair. He observed that many of the Youth Commission's most confused and unproductive moments—moments in which commissioner conduct was most egregiously out-of-order—in previous meetings during the 2010-2011 term could reasonably be traced back to a lack of respect for the power of the chair. Commissioner Nauer concurred with commissioner Herzstein, and pointed her colleagues to the document's description of "privilege," especially the fact that the chair is the sole member of a body who can grant her colleagues privilege of the floor.

After some additional discussion of the Rosenberg's Rules of Order document, especially "The Basic Format for an Agenda Item Discussion," commissioner Herzstein, seconded by Benezra, moved that the Youth Commission generally follow *Rosenberg's Rules of Order*. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Finalizing the Youth Commission's two public hearings (one on bullying of LGBTQ youth and the other addressing MUNI's distribution of Clipper cards to youth riders, as well as the school district and MUNI's implementation of the Youth Lifeline fast pass) set for December 8, 2010

Staff Yedidia briefly introduced this item by reminding commissioners of the general twofold purpose of a public hearing: first, to raise public awareness about a particular issue, and, secondly, to shine the light on the workings of government with respect to a particular issue.

For the sake of officiousness, commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved that the Youth Commission conduct two hearings on December 8, 2010 on the aforementioned respective subjects. This motion was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

The Youth Commission then discussed and delegated strategies and tactics—from contacting community organizations and other community stakeholders, to using Facebook and Twitter—to attract San Francisco youth (and those who provide them with services) to these hearings. Commissioners Kaminsky, Zukerman, Hirano and LaCroix committed to taking responsibility for particular outreach tasks.

6. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

There were none.

7. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 5:28pm.

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Agenda

Monday, December 6, 2010
5:15-8:00pm
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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

5. **Executive Committee & Staff Report**

6. **Presentations (Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Neighborhood Visions Project presentation about upcoming event *United Neighborhoods: A Collaborative Community Conversation***
   Presenters: Members of Neighborhood Visions Project
   Document B

7. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items Below Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **File no. 101311: Administrative Code Amendment—San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (Supervisor Avalos)**
   Presenters: Youth Commission staff
   Documents C, D, E

   B. **File no. 101093 Zoning – South of Market Youth and Family Special Use District (Supervisor Daly)**
   Presenters: Youth Commission staff
   Documents F, G

8. **Youth Commission Business (All Items Below Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Resolution 1011—AL02: Supporting the First Annual Know Your Rights Event at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco (Commissioner Kaminsky)**
   Second Reading
   Presenter: Commissioner Kaminsky
   Document H

B. Resolution 1011—AL03: Resolution expressing the San Francisco Youth Commission's Support of the DREAM Act and San Francisco City College student Steve Li (Commissioner Zukerman)
First Reading
Presenter: Commissioner Zukerman
Document I

9. Attendance Review

A. December 1, 2010
Commissioners Lin, Chan

B. November 15, 2010
Commissioners Liang, Hewitt, Fierro, Benezra, Lin.

C. Absence by 2 significant tardies (Bylaws, Section VI.1(c)):
Commissioner Liang

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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Document (B)

San Francisco Youth Commission
DRAFT Minutes
Monday, December 6, 2010
5:30-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.
Commissioners tardy: Fierro (5:22prn).
Commissioners absent: Hewitt.
Staff present: Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Sun, moved to approve the day's agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2010. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

5. Executive Committee & Staff Report

Staff Mario Yedidia reminded commissioners about the upcoming hearings set for the next Wednesday, December 8, 2010, the first (at 4:00pm) on youth and MUNI issues (in particular, the Youth Lifeline fast pass and Clipper) and the second (at 6:30pm) on issues affecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning youth in San Francisco. Commissioners Kaminsky, Beaulac, Fierro and Benezra announced the kind of outreach they'd done thus far.

Yedidia concluded the staff report by passing out the most recent data (fall 2010) from the Youth Vote Student Survey and underscoring the importance of completing the *State of the Youth* report—a brief, high-level portrait of San Francisco's youth population that will draw on both the original survey of several hundred youth that the 2010-2011 Youth Commission had conducted, as well as the many other statistical and demographic reports on youth in the city.

6. Presentations (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Neighborhood Visions Project presentation about upcoming event *United Neighborhoods: A Collaborative Community Conversation***
Presenters: Members of Neighborhood Visions Project

Document B

Raymond Leung and Taylor Bradbury, cofounders of the Neighborhood Visions Project (NVP), explained the genesis, purpose and background of their organization. Raymond and Taylor both received their bachelor's degrees at UC Berkeley, where NVP was born out of Raymond's vision for social justice, which, in turn, was inspired by the values instilled in him by his mother while Raymond grew up "poor" in Chinatown. NVP works with students at Mission High School and Thurgood Marshall Academic High School to coordinate youth-identified and youth-led community service projects, where students are forced get out of their own neighborhoods and learn about both the diversity of the city, as well as the workings of local government and civic institutions.

Raymond and Taylor then invited youth commissioners to their upcoming United Neighborhoods event, set for Saturday, December 18 from 3pm-5pm at the Chinatown YMCA. This event will bring together students from Mission and Thurgood Marshall with community fixtures, members of local government, nonprofit funders and others. Raymond and Taylor concluded by asking that the Youth Commission support the Neighborhood Visions Projects and, in particular, the United Neighborhoods event.

Commissioners Zukerman, Sun, Nauer, Chan and Fierro asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Liang, moved to support the Neighborhood Vision Project's *United Neighborhoods: A Collaborative Community Conversation*. This motion was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

7. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items Below Discussion and Possible Action)

A. File no. 101311: Administrative Code Amendment—San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (Supervisor Avalos)
Presenters: Youth Commission staff
Documents C, D, E

Youth Commission staff situated this policy, which would require contractors working on public works construction projects to assure that at least half of their staff be San Francisco natives (and that at least half of those San Franciscans be residents of census tracts with low incomes), in the context of the legislative process at the Board of Supervisors. Staff reminded commissioners that they had initially considered (and ultimately continued) this policy at their meeting of November 15, 2010. Staff explained that the sponsoring Supervisor, John Avalos, had amended the proposed ordinance by phasing in the local hiring requirements over a longer period of time.

Public Comment:
Joshua Arce, Executive Director of the Brightline Defense Project, explained that nearly 100 people had spoken in favor of the proposed ordinance when it was heard at the most recent (December 1) meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee; not a single member of the public spoke against it. Mr. Arce explained that all of the questions and concerns about the proposed ordinance that were raised by Youth Commissioners at their last meeting—questions regarding the cost, the benefit for local youth and more—have been addressed in the amended version of the ordinance. He went on to say that the two biggest labor unions support the amended version of the law—and that the City's Chief Economist says that the policy will be a net positive;

Speaking of the local hiring policy as a whole, commissioner Herzstein suggested that it was perhaps a bit selfish for the City & County of San Francisco to institute such a policy. Economic hardship—for young people just as much as adults—knows no municipal boundaries.

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to support the local hiring ordinance. Commissioner Hirano argued that, on balance, the discussion the Youth Commission heard and participated in regarding this policy has been far too focused on the economic and fiscal aspects of the proposal. By contrast, commissioner Hirano argued that it was a moral imperative to support the law.

Commissioner Herzstein countered that, should neighboring Bay Area counties adopt such a law, in the long term young San Franciscans would in turn be frozen out of construction jobs elsewhere in the Bay Area.

Chair LaCroix interjected that, in her opinion, the most salient long-term effect of the local hiring ordinance would likely be to bring more low-income San Franciscans into the construction industry.

After a bit more back-and-forth regarding the potential detrimental effects of the ordinance should neighboring municipalities adopt similar local hiring policies versus the potential positive effects of increasing the number of working low-income San Franciscans in the construction industry—a back-and-forth in which commissioners Herzstein, Yang and Kaminsky participated—commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Chan, moved to limit debate. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

The motion to support the local hiring ordinance was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes (14)—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin; No's (2)—Nauer, Herzstein.

B. File no. 101093 Zoning – South of Market Youth and Family Special Use District (Supervisor Daly)
Presenters: Youth Commission staff
Documents F, G

Youth Commission staff Mario Yedidia provided the legislative background for this proposed ordinance. He briefly summarized what the ordinance, if adopted would do—namely, increase the inclusionary housing fees in a certain part of the South of Market neighborhood. Yedidia also reminded Youth Commissioners that they had previously considered the ordinance on October 4, 2010, but had decided to postpone taking a position on the law until after the Planning Commission made their recommendation; the Planning Commission, in turn, had adopted a motion "to approve the intent" of the ordinance, but not the ordinance itself. Staff concluded his presentation by mentioning that the ordinance would not move through the legislative process before the end of the current legislative session. The sponsor, Supervisor Daly, will be terming out of office on January 8, 2011, and his successor Supervisor-elect Jane Kim may well take up the issue in the months to come.

After an exceedingly brief discussion, commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Hirano, moved to take no position on the legislation. Chair LaCroix argued that the Youth Commission should at least support the intent of the ordinance.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Liang, moved to make a substitute motion to support the intent of the proposed ordinance but recommend disapproval of the ordinance itself. This

motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes—(14) Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin; No's (2)—Marshall-Fricker, LaCroix.

The motion to support the intent of the proposed ordinance but recommend the disapproval of the ordinance itself was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes (15)—Zukerman, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin; No's (1)—Marshall-Fricker.

8. Commission Business (All Items Below Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Resolution 1011—AL02: Supporting the First Annual Know Your Rights Event at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco (Commissioner Kaminsky)
Second Reading
Presenter: Commissioner Kaminsky
Document H

Commissioner Kaminsky reminded commissioners that this was a second reading of this resolution, which formally articulates the Youth Commission's support of an educational event at Lick-Wilmerding High School on constitutional rights. He then read this resolution into the public record.

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to adopt this resolution. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Resolution 1011—AL03: Resolution expressing the San Francisco Youth Commission's Support of the DREAM Act and San Francisco City College student Steve Li (Commissioner Zukerman)
First Reading
Presenter: Commissioner Zukerman
Document I

Commissioner Zukerman provided some brief background on Steve Li, a current student at City College of San Francisco and Washington High School alumnus, who is an undocumented immigrant and currently in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Commissioner Zukerman also summarized the DREAM Act, a federal immigration reform law currently being debated in Congress that would provide legal status to many young undocumented students who have graduated from high school in the U.S. and are currently either serving in the military or attending a postsecondary educational institution.

Commissioner Zukerman then read this resolution into the public record.

Commissioner Herzstein interjected that it is worth considering the fact that the DREAM Act is complicated, lengthy and still being debated—thus, it is, properly speaking, a living, changing document.

Given the urgency engendered by Steve Li's precarious immigration status and Congress's impending action on the DREAM Act, Chair LaCroix, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved to vote on this on first reading. This motion was not yet voted on.
Then, commissioner Liang, seconded by commissioner LaCroix, moved to amend the resolution by adding a resolved clause that explicitly articulates support for Steve Li. The motion was approved by

the following unanimous roll call vote: (16): Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

The earlier motion (made by LaCroix and seconded by Benezra) to vote on the resolution on its first reading was approved by the following unanimous roll call vote: (16): Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

Commissioner Benezra, seconded by commissioner Liang, moved to make a technical edit to the resolution, by striking the excess word "members" from page 4 of the resolution. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Sun, seconded by commissioner Liang, moved to amend the resolution by adding a resolved clause that explicitly demonstrates the Youth Commission's support of Steve Li. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved for the Youth Commission to adopt this resolution as amended. This motion was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. December 1, 2010
Lin, Chan

Commissioner Chan explained that she and commissioner Lin have a long-running internship at UCSF that meets Wednesday evenings; that Wednesday, December 1, there was an important meeting involving fund development.

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to authorize these absences. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. **November 15, 2010**
Commissioners Liang, Hewitt, Fierro Benezra, Lin

Commissioner Fierro explained that November 15, 2010 was the second night of the fall play at St. Ignatius High School, in which she had a principal roll.

Commissioner Benezra declined to speak and accepted the absence.

Commissioner Liang explained that she was at City Hall that evening, but was at the gala for the Chinatown Community Development Center, an important community organization in the district in which she laws. She thought that, given that she was invited, it was important for her to go to the gala.

Commissioner Lin explained that on November 15, she was sick and had a fever.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved to authorize the absences of Liang, Fierro and Lin. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

C. Absence by 2 significant tardies (Bylaws, Section VI.1(c)):

Commissioner Liang.

Commissioner Liang explained she was taking care of school duties with a tutor at those two meetings where she was tardy.

Commissioner Nauer, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to authorize commissioner Liang's absence. This motion was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner Hirano explained that he and commissioners Chan and Benezra would be conducting a focus group with youth at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Community Center at the meal night the very next evening—Tuesday, December 7, 2010. All other Youth Commissioners were invited.

Commissioner Kaminsky encouraged his colleagues to chip in on helping buy pizza for youth attendees of the upcoming hearings.

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

Supplemental documents for agenda items are available for review at City Hall Room 345. Minutes are also available on the Youth Commission Website at www.sfgov.org/youth_commission.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Hearing Agenda

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
4:00-6:00pm
Board of Supervisors' Legislative Chamber
City Hall, Room 250

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Hearing to consider issues affecting San Francisco's youth population, the Municipal Transportation Agency's Municipal Railway (MUNI), and the San Francisco Unified School District; specifically:

   i. Update and next steps regarding the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass (see documents A, B)

   ii. Update and Next Steps regarding the sale of Clipper cards to youth (see document C)

4. **Adjournment**

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YOUTH COMMISSION/STUDENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL HEARING

DOCUMENT A

YOUTH LIFELINE FAST PASS

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE YOUTH LIFELINE:

WHAT IS IT?

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

WILL STUDENTS GET IT?

San Francisco Youth Commission

December 8, 2010

The Youth Lifeline Fast Pass

"What is the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass?"

- A fast pass that costs $10 per month, created for SFUSD students who qualify for free and reduced lunch

The Background

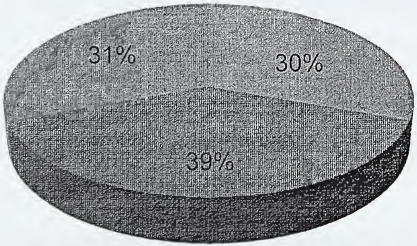
"Why create the Youth Lifeline fast pass?"

- Need for affordable MUNI access for SFUSD students.
- This need arises out of 3 factors…

Background (continued)

1. SFUSD students' significant dependence on MUNI

Self-reported MUNI ridership among high school students



- High school students riding more than one bus/train to school
- High school students riding one bus/train to school
- High school students not riding MUNI to school

Source: Fall 2008 *YouthVote Student Survey*, page 66, www.sfbos.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=17354

BACKGROUND (CONTINUED)

2. Rising cost of riding MUNI for youth in the last 2 years

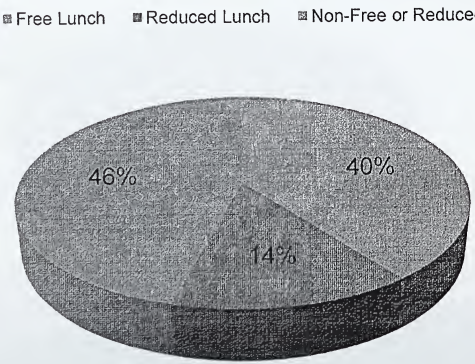
Dramatic increases in monthly price of Youth Fast Pass

BACKGROUND (CONTINUED)

3. High proportion of low-income students in SFUSD

- Over 54% of student body qualifies for free or reduced lunch

SFUSD Student Body Population



Free Lunch =
130% or less of Federal income poverty guidelines

Reduced Lunch =
185% or less of Federal income poverty guidelines

How Did We Get Here?

- City & School legislative consensus that Youth Lifeline should be created
  - Youth Commission Resolution 0910 AL08 (adopted 2/1/2010), Board of Supervisors Resolution 141-10 (adopted 4/6/2010), and Board of Education Resolution 104-13A2 (adopted 4/13/2010).
- MTA has budgeted $1.4 million for FY 10-11
  - This money will go towards providing the SFUSD with 12,000 youth lifeline fast passes each month (on consignment).
- SFUSD will have full responsibility for distributing passes
  - The school district's Student Support Services division will take on the responsibility of distributing the fast pass.

What Needs to Happen Next?

SFUSD must develop a distribution plan

Municipal Transportation Agency

will provide SFUSD with 12,000 fast passes each month

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SFUSD Student Support Services

will deliver fast passes to school sites

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School Sites

will sell the fast passes to eligible students

Making distribution a success

The *simpler* it is to buy this fast pass,
the more likely it is students will buy it.

The Youth Commission suggests that the distribution plan allow for:

- a student's free/reduced lunch card (or free/reduced PIN number) to be the sole requirement for demonstrating eligibility.
- students to buy the fast pass at school—using cash, if necessary.

Questions/Suggestions for SFUSD

- What is the application process?
- How do we prioritize which students get the fast pass?
- The SFUSD used to sell fast passes at school—can that process be replicated for the Youth Lifeline?
- Can existing school site groups & institutions help with distribution? (e.g. Student Advisory Council Peer Resources, student councils, Wellness Centers, pathways/academies)
- Can charter schools be included?
- What is the outreach and advertising plan? —This is of the ***utmost importance.***

The Youth Commission looks forward to consulting with Student Support Services to develop a successful distribution plan.

The Youth Commission thanks everyone present for taking the time to consider this issue.

Let's make this a ***huge success!***

THANK YOU

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YOUTH COMMISSION/STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL HEARING

DOCUMENT B

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 22, 2010

TO: SFMTA Board of Directors
Tom Nolan, Chairman
Cameron Beach, Director
Malcolm Heinicke, Director
Jerry Lee, Director
Bruce Oka, Director

THROUGH: Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.
Executive Director/CEO

FROM: Sonali Bose
Director of Finance and Information Technology/CFO

SUBJECT: Discounted Monthly Youth Pass

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the SFMTA Board of Directors on the status of providing a discounted monthly pass to low-income students in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD).

On April 6, 2010, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved File No. 100408, a resolution requesting that the SFMTA create a youth Lifeline discount Fast Pass for qualified low-income youth. Subsequently, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the allocation of $1.5 million to cover the cost of providing approximately 12,000 passes per month at a rate of $10 per pass to the SFUSD.

SFMTA staff have been in discussions with the SFUSD for several months. Pursuant to these discussions, beginning in September, 2010 the SFMTA will provide up to 10,000 monthly youth passes to the School District at a rate of $10 per pass. The SFUSD is currently developing its internal plan to distribute these passes directly to eligible students and collect the fee of $10 per pass. The SFMTA anticipates receiving a final distribution plan from SFUSD staff by the end of the month.

cc: Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
San Francisco Youth Commission

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DOCUMENT C

Clipper Presentation
Youth Commission

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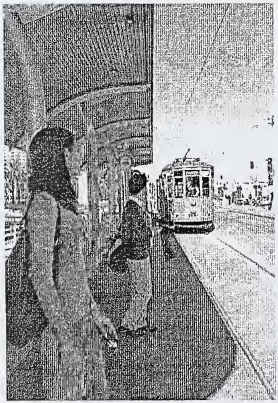
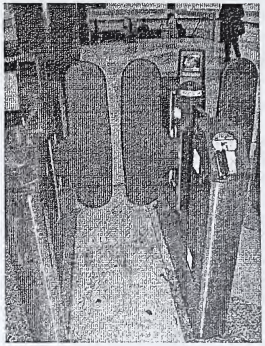
Presentation Overview

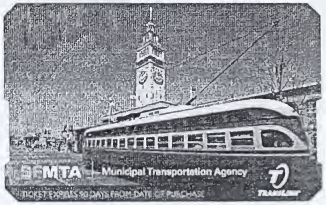
- Upcoming Changes on Muni
- What is Clipper?
- Benefits of Clipper
- How to Add Value
- Current Statistics
- Youth Fare Media
- SFMTA Youth Outreach
- Marketing and Communications



Upcoming Changes on Muni

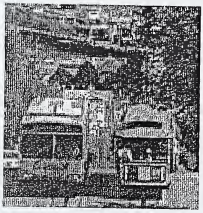
- **New Fare Media**
  - Phasing out of paper passes
    - RTC Stickers: Oct. 2010
    - Adult "A" Fast Pass: Oct. 2010
    - Senior/Youth Passes: Jan. 2011
    - Adult "M" Pass: March 2011
- **Monthly passes/cash discounts only available on a Clipper (or TransLink) card**



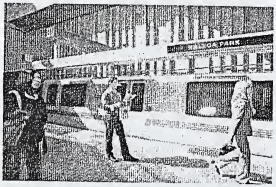


- **New Metro Station Gates**
  - No more coins or tokens
  - To accept only:
    - Clipper/TransLink Cards
    - Limited Use Muni tickets

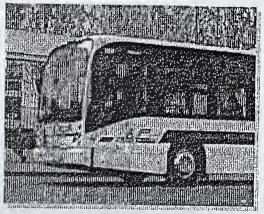
What is Clipper? (formerly TransLink)



- An all-in-one reloadable Bay Area transit card system
  - Stores passes, ride books and cash value
  - Automatically calculates discounts



- Currently accepted on Muni, BART, AC Transit, Caltrain, and Golden Gate Transit and Ferry, Sam Trans and soon VTA. Eventually all Bay Area Transit systems will accept Clipper.



- Youth (ages 5-17 on Muni) card automatically turns into an Adult card when youth becomes of age.

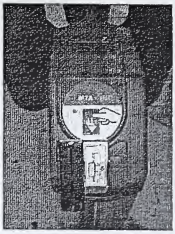
Benefits of Clipper

- Easier
  - No more cash, exact change, passes, ticket or transfers
    - 90-minute transfer period is automatically calculated
- Convenient
  - Automatically calculates agency discounts and transfers
  - Online services and toll-free customer service
  - Set up passes and cash to reload automatically
- $ecure
  - Card replacement and balance restoration for lost, stolen or damaged cards

How to Add Value to your Card

- Set up Autoload online at clippercard.com
- Use Ticket Vending Machines
- Visit a participating Clipper distributor (e.g. Walgreens) or a transit agency ticket office
- Call the Clipper Customer Service Center

Current Statistics – update with Dec #s



- Approximately 18,750 youth passes sold monthly

- Approximately 7,500 youth Clipper cards already processed

- Approximately 1,256 youth passes loaded on Clipper card in November (7 % of Youth pass market)

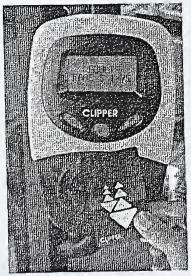
Youth Fare Media

Current SFMTA Fare Media

- Cash on Buses
- Youth Monthly Paper Pass
- Limited Use Ticket at Metro Station
- Token-use on buses and Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs)

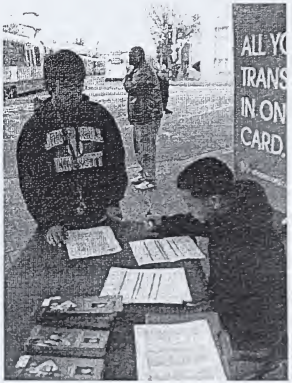
Clipper Fare Media

- Youth Monthly Pass
- Cash Value



SFMTA Youth Outreach

- Working with youth organizations to educate parents and youths and provide on-site youth application acceptance
  - SFUSD and private schools
  - SF Youth Commission, DCYF, Beacon Centers
  - District 4, Supervisor Carmen Chiu's office
- Sign up table events and street teams
- Muni Metro Station Events
- City Events
  - Sunday Streets
  - SFUSD Youth Summit

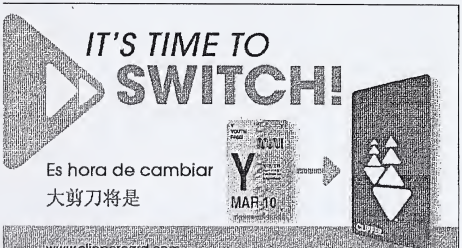


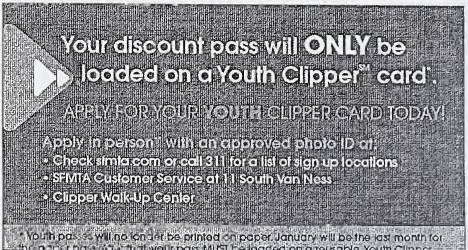
Marketing and Communications Multilanguage Campaign

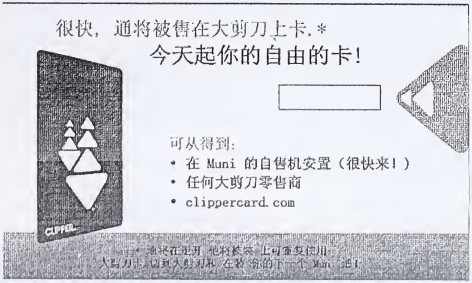
MARKETING – Multi media program

- Broadcast: Radio, TV, Web, Email blasts
- Printed collateral: Car Cards, Outdoor ads, Bulletins, Employee Passports, Brochures, FAQ's and Fact sheets
- In station information signs
- Newspaper ads – Examiner, El Mensajero, Sing Tao and local neighborhood publications
- Outdoor/Onboard Ad Campaigns (includes in station kiosk and banners, exterior and interior bus ads, transit shelter ads)

Youth Pass Wrap







Challenges

- Youth don't always have ID available
- Youth need parental assistance with forms
- Sign up is not convenient to parents/guardians

Document (I)

San Francisco Youth Commission/Student Advisory Council Hearing Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
4:00-6:00pm
Board of Supervisors' John L. Taylor Hearing Room
City Hall, Room 263
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 4:08

The Chair proceeded to invite Supervisor David Chiu, President of the Board of Supervisors, to address the Youth Commission and thirteen members of the public who were present.. President Chiu thanked the Youth Commission for its work as such, the commission's work on transportation in particular, and its championing of discounted youth fast passes for qualified low-income youth. As with the fast pass championed by the Youth Commission, MUNI has had difficulties distributing the Clipper Card—an issue on which President Chiu sponsored a hearing at the Board of Supervisors. The president concluded by once again commending the Youth Commission for its work on transportation issues, remarking that young people probably constitute the largest portion of MUNI's ridership.

Chair LaCroix thanked President Chiu for his comments. She also thanked school district staff Kevin Truitt, Associate Superintendant, and Chris Armentrout, Liaison to the City & County of San Francisco; Chair LaCroix finally thanked Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) staff Lulu Feliciano and Gina Zagotta for their upcoming present regarding Clipper, as well as MTA staff person Diana Hammons, for the help she provided the Youth Commission in preparation for the hearing.

No formal roll call was taken.
Commissioners present: Liang, Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix
Commissioner tardy: Fierro (arrived 4:18pm).
Commissioners absent: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Hewitt, Lin
Staff present: Jay, Yedidia.
Student Advisory Council Staff present: Judson Steele.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

The agenda was not officially approved.

3. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Hearing to consider issues affecting San Francisco's youth population, the Municipal Transportation Agency's Municipal Railway (MUNI), and the San Francisco Unified School District; specifically:

i. Update and next steps regarding the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass (see documents A, B)

Chair LaCroix walked her colleagues on the Youth Commission and the assembled members of the public through a PowerPoint presentation entitled "A Brief the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass."

This presentation explained that in the Spring of 2010, as the price of a Youth MUNI fast pass increased and the Youth Commission reflected on the high proportion of both MUNI riders and low-income young people in the San Francisco Unified School District, the Youth Commission developed a policy proposal to create a discounted fast pass for youth analogous to the Lifeline fast pass available to adults who to 200% of poverty. Eventually, the Board of Supervisors adopted this resolution, and in March and April, respectively, the Board of Education and Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors agreed to implement this program.

Despite work by MTA and school district staff on this issue—and consistent checking-in by Youth Commission members and staff—the fast pass has not been distributed. Chair LaCroix concluded with some broad recommendations regarding how the Youth Lifeline could be distributed in a way that would be most convenient and accessible for low-income public school students (including allowing students to pay for it with cash and offering the pass for sale at individual school sites).

Subsequently, Mr. Chris Armentrout, the school district Superintendent's Liaison to the City & County of San Francisco, briefed the Youth Commission on the school district's work towards creating a distribution plan for the Youth Lifeline. (Mr. Armentrout began with a digression, noting that as a former veteran teacher at Burton High School with great respect for youth voice and participation in government, he was happy to be appearing before the Youth Commission.)

Mr. Armentrout explained that the main hurdle to distributing the Youth Lifeline fast pass has been the need to finalize the legal agreement—known technically as the "Memorandum of Understanding" (MoU)—between the MTA and school district that outlines the program. He apologized for the lengthiness of the process and noted that it is next to impossible to move speedily in creating new programs between such immense bureaucratic entities as the school district and the City & County of San Francisco. Mr. Armentrout noted that school district staff had signed off on the MoU yesterday and he expected the MTA's City Attorney to approve the MoU later in the week.

Mr. Armentrout went on to explain that the Youth Lifeline fast pass would involve at least $100,000 a month in administration costs. He explained that the school district was still formulating a distribution process, and that a full-time position would need to be created to process the passes.

At minimum—and this would require an exceedingly aggressive approach on the part of the district—passes could be available to students in February, 20100. More reasonably, Mr. Armentrout explained, the Youth Lifeline will probably be in the hands of students starting in March.

Mr. Armentrout continued by frankly acknowledging that it is exceedingly doubtful that the Youth Lifeline fast pass will be available for sale on a school-site-by-school-site basis. Making the fast pass accessible to students at each school site will almost certainly be

Mr. Kevin Truitt, Associate Superintendant, then spoke to the Youth Commission and explained the school district's preliminary thoughts on the issue.

Public Comment:

Matthias Mormino, Homeless Families Coalition, spoke against a $2 administrative fee being considered by the school district.

Supervisor David Campos's aide Sheila Chung-Hagen thanked the Youth Commission for their work and offered her office's assistance on this issue.

Connie Rubiano, citizen of the City of San Francisco, suggested that perhaps Parent Teacher Association's could be in drawn in to help distribute the pass.

Edgar Carrera from the coalition on homelessness spoke; thanked the Youth Commission for their work; he's been at the COH for 16 years and respects the work of the Youth Commission; what the Superintendant said is true—a lot of families don't have access to computers and credit cards.

Jesra Anderson, a junior at Balboa, thanked the Youth Commission for their work.

Antwon Barker from CHALK thanked the Youth Commission for its work.

Donaji Lona from POWER and MORE Public Transportation said that given the significant administrative costs, perhaps the City and school district should consider MORE's proposal that the City offer free fast passes to all youth.

Commissioners Hirano, Benezra, LaCroix and Nauer asked questions.

Chair LaCroix thanked Mr. Truitt, Mr. Armentrout and the public for all of their input on this issue.

ii. Update and Next Steps regarding the sale of Clipper cards to youth (see document C)

Ms. Lulu Feliciano began by thanking the Youth Commission for inviting her to provide said presentation. She then walked the Youth Commission through a PowerPoint presentation describing the volume of youth who use MUNI and MUNI's efforts to date to distribute Clipper cards to youth.

Commissioners Yang, LaCroix, Chan, Liang, Hirano and Benezra asked clarifying questions.

There was no official action taken.

4. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix called the meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Supplemental documents for agenda items are available for review at City Hall Room 345. Minutes are also available on the Youth Commission Website at www.sfgov.org/youth_commission.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Hearing Agenda

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
6:30-8:30pm
Board of Supervisors' Legislative Chamber
City Hall, Room 250

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Hearing to consider issues affecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning youth in San Francisco—in the San Francisco Unified School District, in private and parochial schools, and those not in school (see document A)

4. **Adjournment**

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Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The YRBS, developed by CDC, is administered every two years in all middle and high schools.

In SY0809, the YRBS was completed by 2,145 HS students (an 84% response rate) and by 2,417 MS students (an 81% response rate).

The results are representative all of SFUSD students in middle schools (6 - 8) and high schools (9-12).

About the School Climate Survey:

- The survey was developed by SFUSD Student Support Services Department & ETR Associates.
  - Many of the questions on the survey were from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), developed by WestEd for the California Department of Education (CDE) and used with permission.
  - The survey focused primarily on school safety issues.

- In SY0708, over **22,000** SFUSD students completed the anonymous survey.

ETR Associates WestEd healthy kids SURVEY

SFUSD Demographics

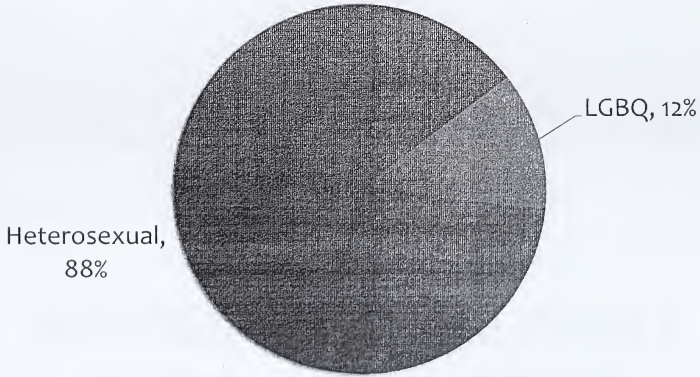
Data Sources:
2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey
2008 SFUSD School Climate Survey

SFUSD Middle Schools

Student Demographics – 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

12% of students (about 1,200 students) identified themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Questioning in the 2009 MS YRBS. Most MS students identify themselves as questioning.

MS (Weighted n=10,440)



Sexual Orientation by Race/Ethnicity (MS YRBS)

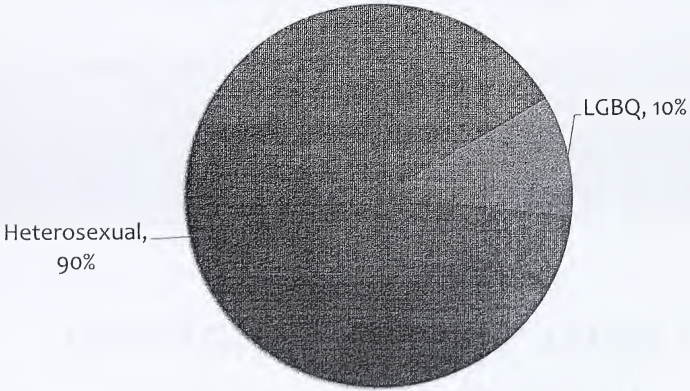
	Black	Chinese	Hispanic/ Latino	Other Asian	White	Multiple Races
LBGQ	13.7%	13%	10.2%	11.3%	11.9%	13.1%
Heterosexual	86.6%	87%	89.8%	88.7%	88.1%	86.9%

SFUSD High Schools

Student Demographics – 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Over 1,500 students identified themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Questioning on the 2009 YRBS.

HS (Weighted n=15,675)



Sexual Orientation by Race/Ethnicity (HS YRBS)

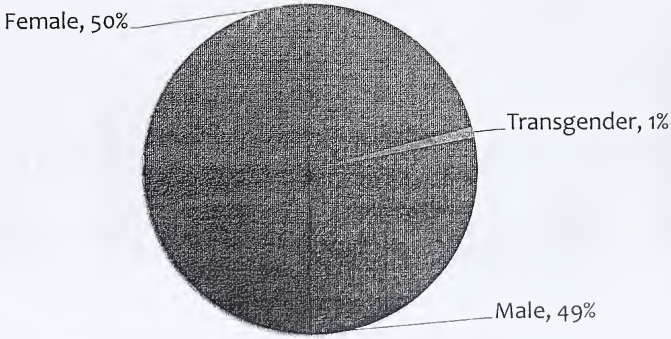
	Black	Chinese	Hispanic / Latino	Filipino	White	All Other Races	Multiple Races
LBGQ	11.2%	5.4%	14.1%	7.9%	14.7%	6.7%	12.2%
Heterosexual	88.8%	94.6%	85.9%	92.1%	85.3%	92.3%	87.8%

SFUSD Middle & High Schools

Student Demographics – 2008 SFUSD School Climate Survey

About 100 students identified themselves as Transgender in the 2008 MS SCS.
Over 350 students identified themselves as Transgender in the 2008 HS SCS.

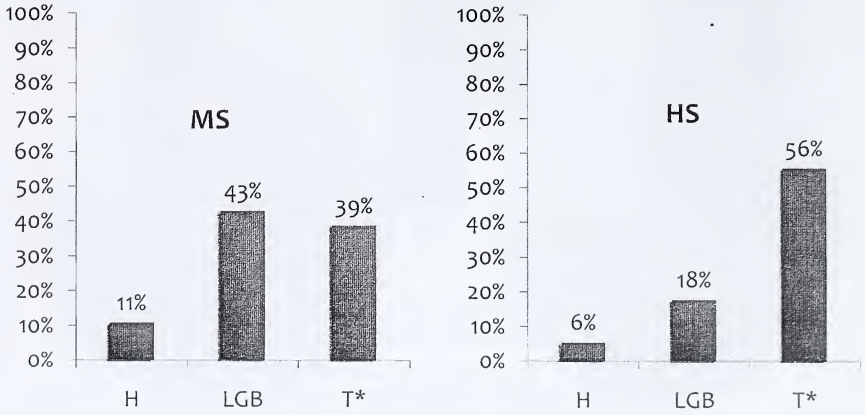
Gender (MS n=7,850 ; HS n=12,943)



Current Indicators
School Safety & Violence

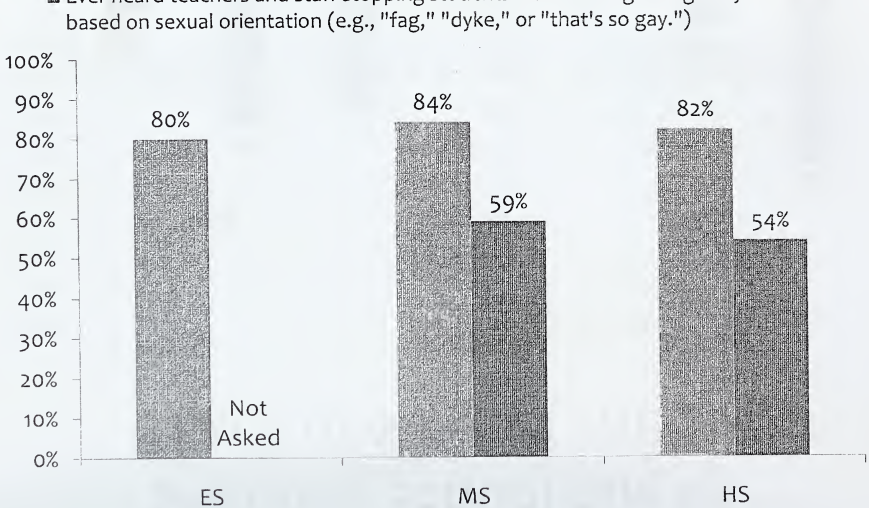
Data Sources:
2009 MS & HS Youth Risk Behavior Surveys

Skipping School due to Lack of Safety (YRBS)



*Transgender data from 2008 SFUSD School Climate Survey

Anti-Gay Name Calling (YRBS)



Hearing others making derogatory remarks…

2008 HS School Climate Survey (N=12, 943)

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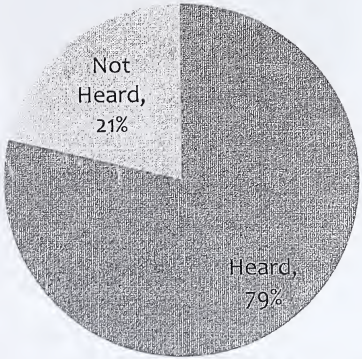

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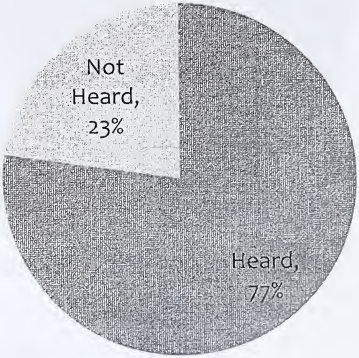

Hearing teachers or staff stop others from making derogatory remarks…

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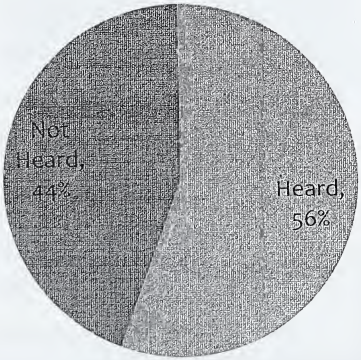

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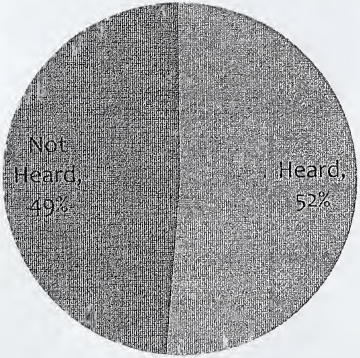

School-Based Harassment due to Sexual Orientation (MS YRBS)

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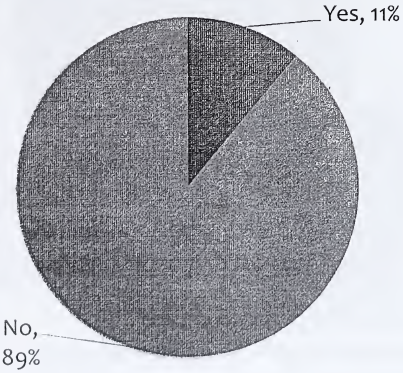

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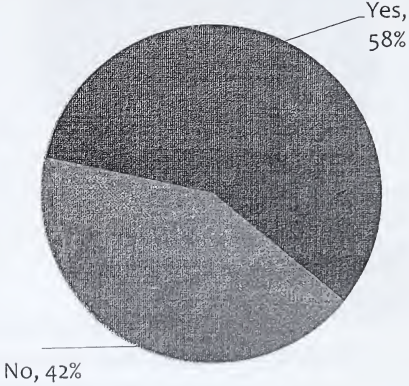

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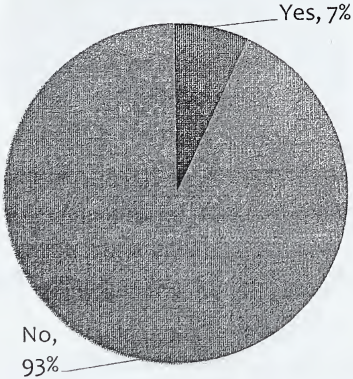

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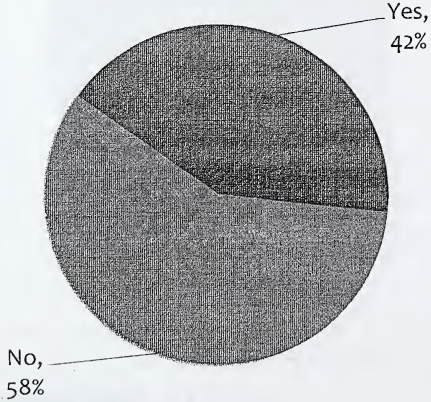

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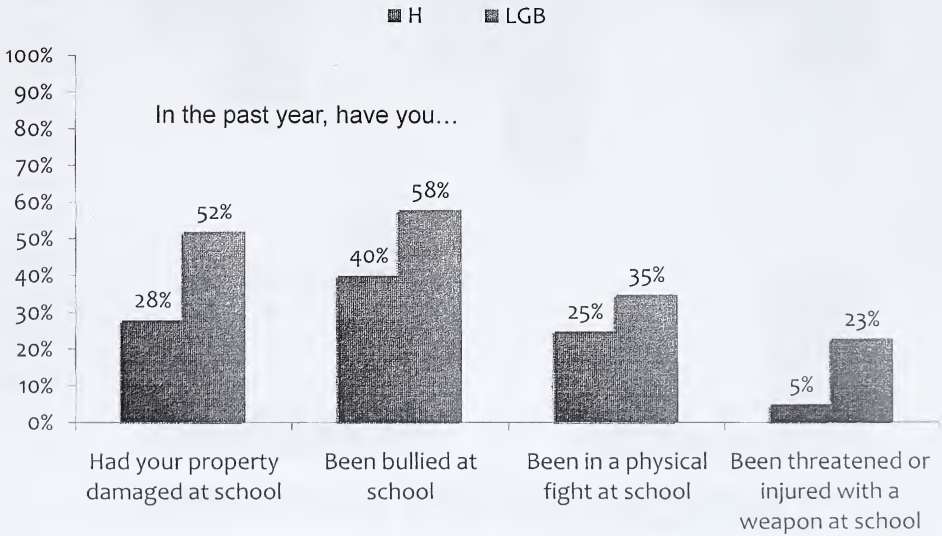

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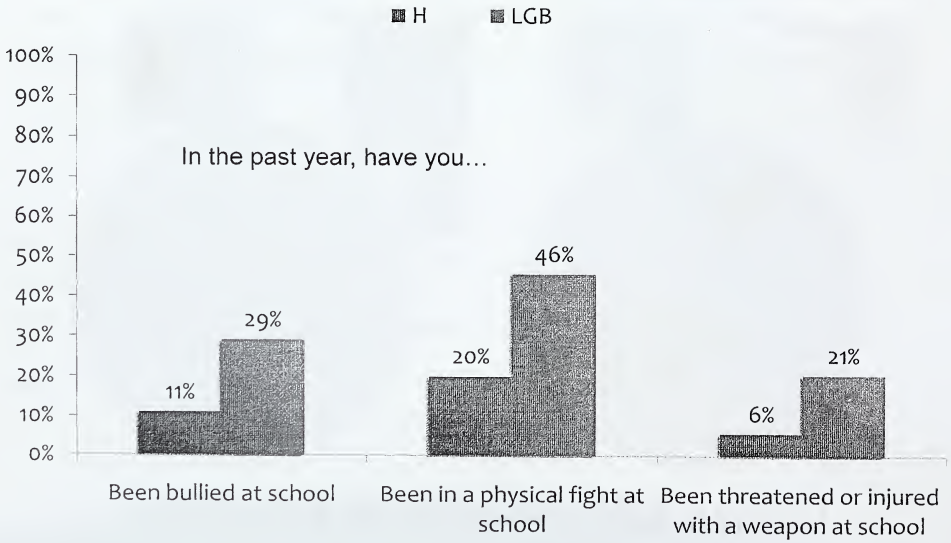

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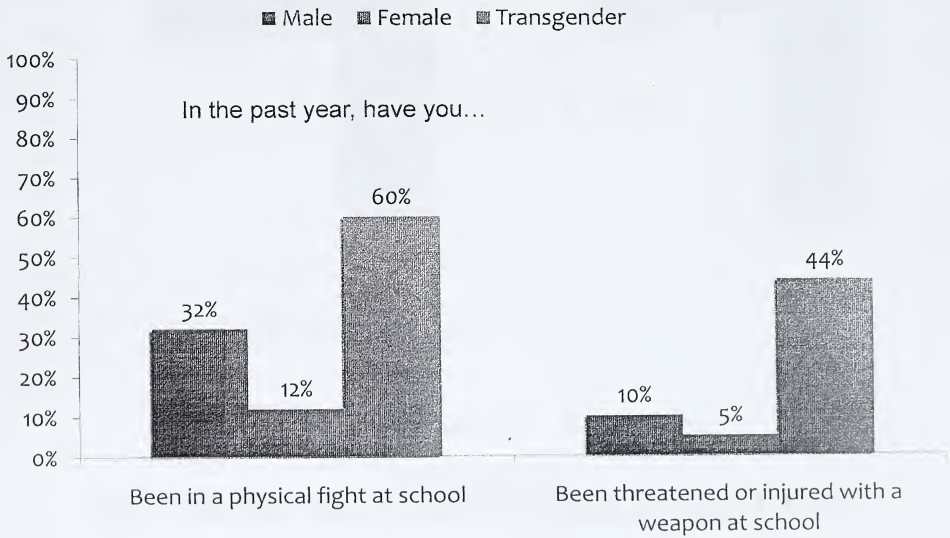

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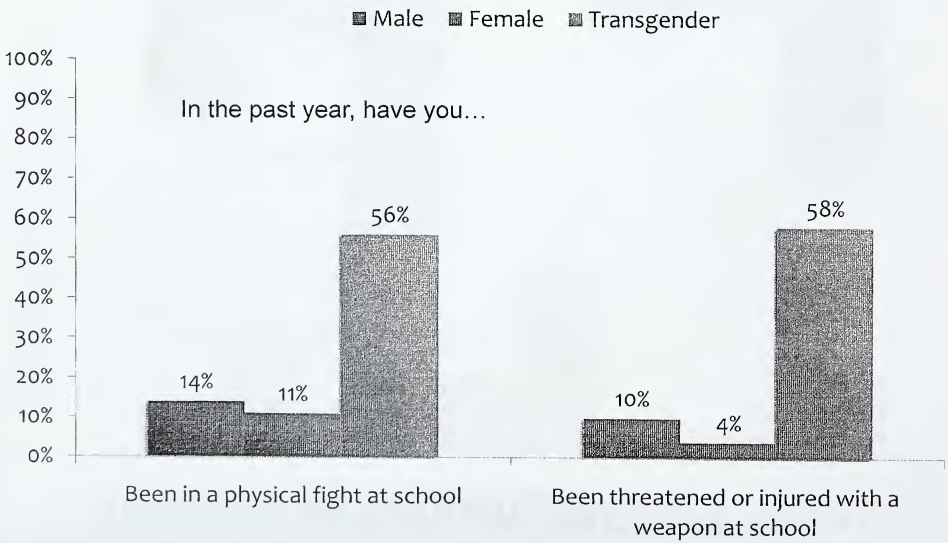

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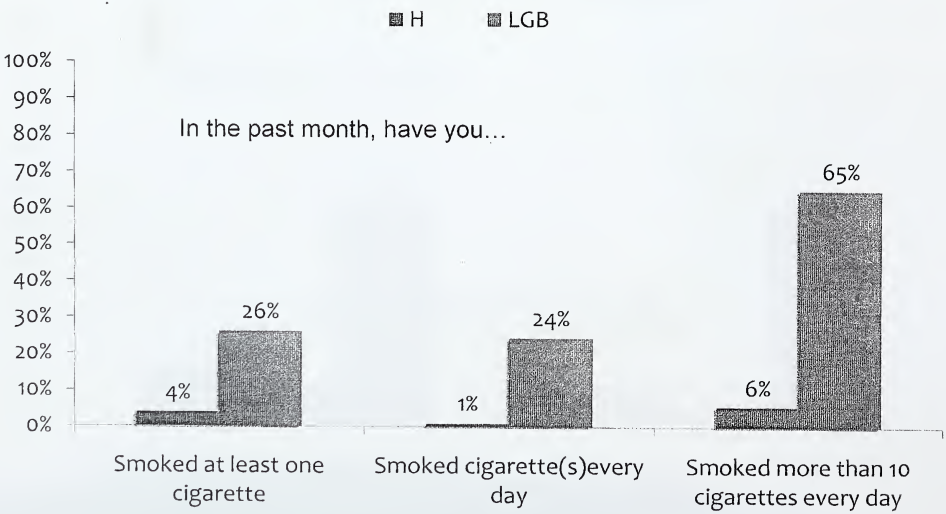

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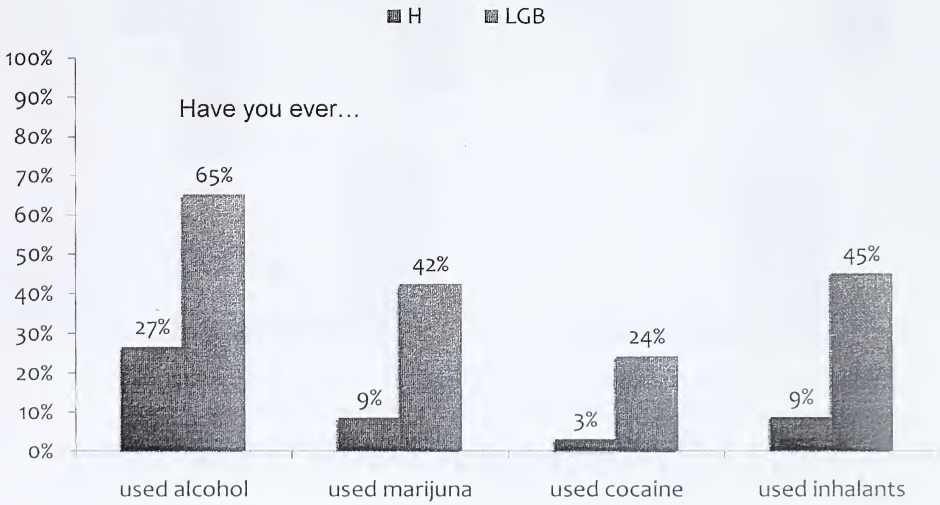

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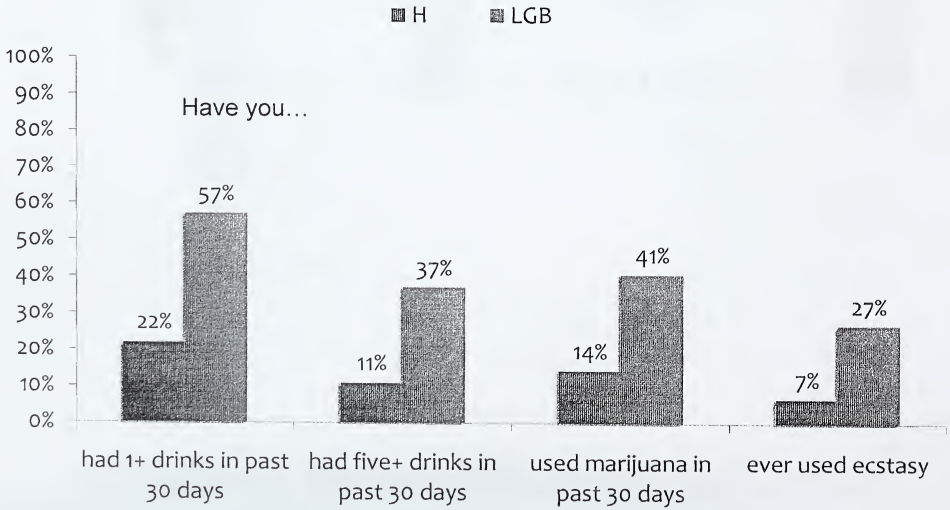

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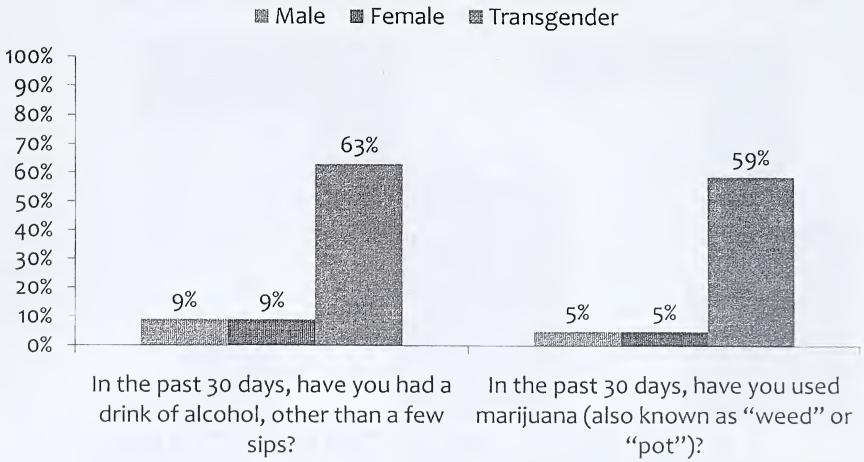

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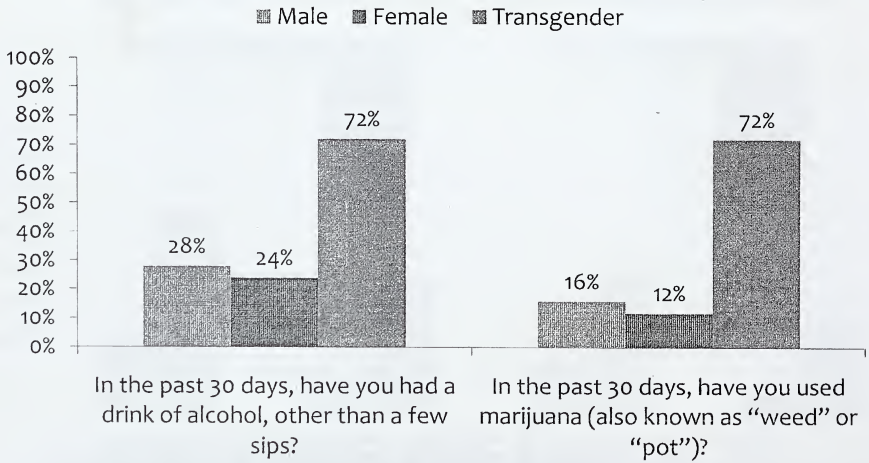

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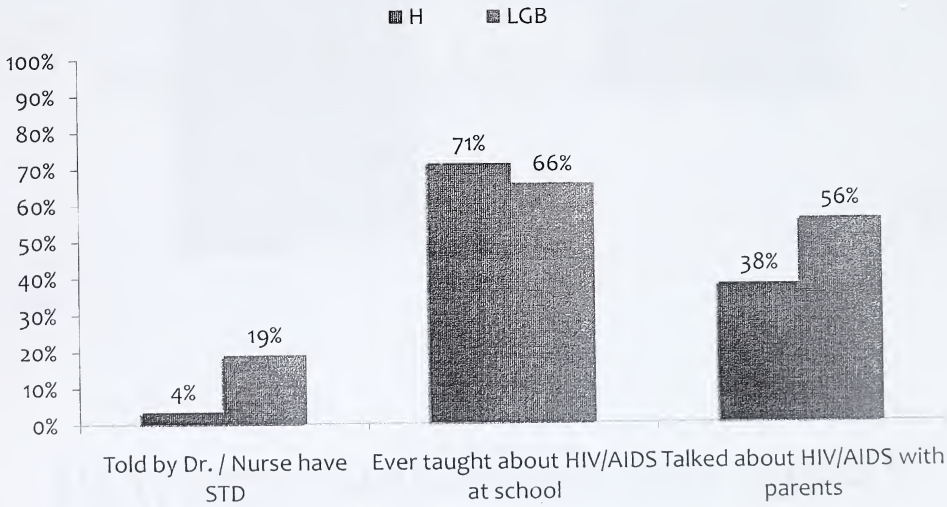

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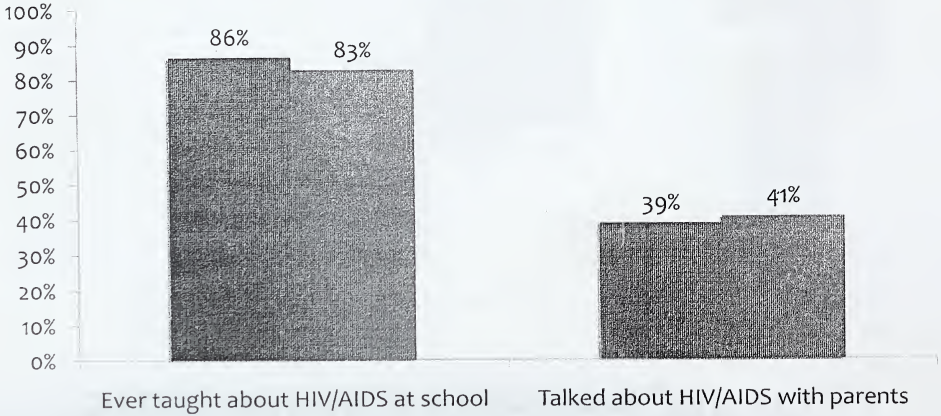

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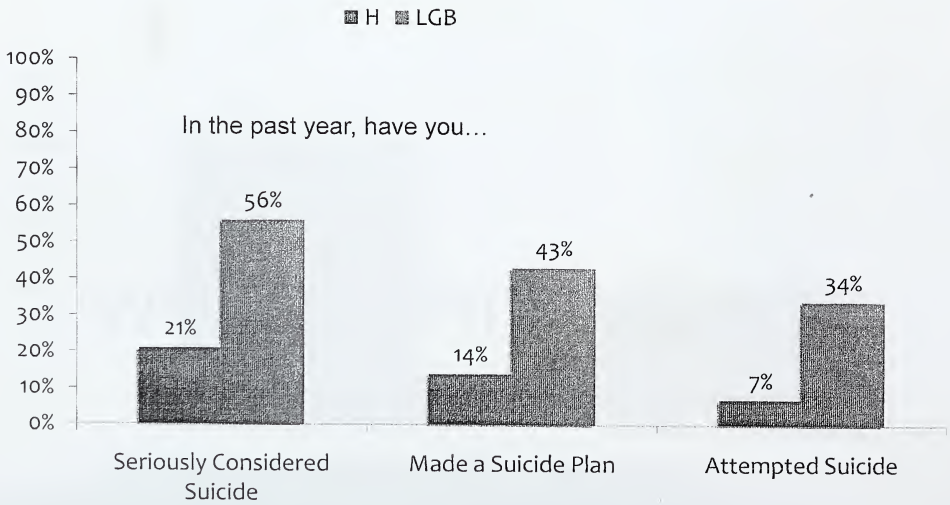
Suicide Risk (MS YRBS)



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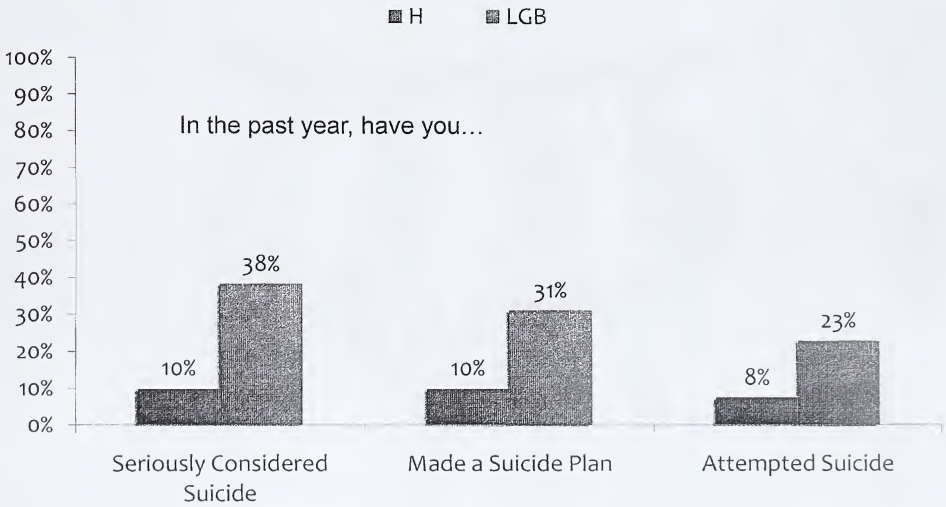

Student Support Services

San Francisco Unified School District

Document (H)

San Francisco Youth Commission/Student Advisory Council
Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
6:30-8:30pm
Board of Supervisors' Legislative Chamber
City Hall, Room 250
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 6:48pm.

Commissioners present: Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Chan, LaCroix.
Staff present: Yedidia, Jay.
Student Advisory Council staff present: Steele.

Supervisor David Campos then provided some prepared introductory remarks, explaining why he had introduced a resolution to the Board of Supervisors in the wake of the suicide of Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi calling on the City to reaffirm its commitment to support services for LGBTQQ youth. Supervisor Campos drew on voluminous data regarding the social and emotional trauma faced by so many LGBTQQ youth.

The Supervisor went on by acknowledging the relatively robust infrastructure supporting LGBTQQ youth in San Francisco—from community organizations to the school district to the city. He called on the Youth Commission and the assembled members of the public and the City as a whole to reaffirm and redouble their commitment to the physical, social and emotional health of LGBTQQ youth.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

The agenda was not officially approved.

3. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Hearing to consider issues affecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning youth in San Francisco—in the San Francisco Unified School District, in private and parochial schools, and those not in school (see document A)

Mr. Kevin Gogin and Ms. Ilsa Bertolini, school district Student Support Services staff, then offered a PowerPoint presentation. Drawing on data from the federal Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the local School Climate Survey, they described LGBTQQ young people's higher risk for behavioral health dangers.

Public Comment:
Amanda from Washing High School's GSA offered many words of encouragement to all present.

Jezra Anderson, a Balboa HS junior talked about his peer resources class and sensitivity to anti-LGBTQ language. The data just presented was really sad and mind-boggling.

Stephanie Rhoda from Washington High School spoke. She is president of the GSA there. Across the board, there's not enough LGBTQ information out there. You've got to find that one special teacher. I had to seek out the elective classroom LGBTQ issues at

Mia Tu Mutch offered personal reflections of the need that LGBTQQ youth be be supported by the City.

Erik Martinez spoke in favor of protecting and expanding the youth LGBTQQ safety net. He described his experiences working as Youth Program Coordinator at the LGBTQ Center who has worked with schools including James Lick, Civic Center, Downtown, as well as the SFUSD central office to create LGBTQ studies .

There was no official action taken.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

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SF Youth Commission

San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda

Monday, January 3, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
There will be public comment on each item.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

   Documents A, B

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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**
5. **Executive Committee & Staff Report**
6. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**
7. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Presentation on the History of the Youth Commission from the perspective of a first-year (1996) Youth Commissioner
   Presenter: Kent Khounsombath, Youth Commissioner, 1996-1998

   B. Presentation and request for help on Youth Events and the state of Electronic Dance Music in San Francisco
   Presenters: Liam Shy, former Youth Commissioner; Kyle Jimenez, former Youth Commissioner

8. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

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   First Reading
   Presenters: Commissioners Yang, LaCroix, Hirano
   Document C

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   Presenters: Commissioners Fierro, Beaulac, Yang, LaCroix and Hirano
   Document D

SF Youth Commission

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. Commissioner Hewitt (November 15, 2010, December 6, 2010)

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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Minutes

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

Commissioners present: Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminksy, Chan, Lacroix.
Commissioners absent: Nauer.
Commissioners tardy: Lin.
Staff present: Yedidia

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the evening's agenda, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Documents A, B

A: Commissioner Fierro, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, December 1, 2010. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

B: Commissioner Fierro, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Monday, December 6, 2010. The minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

5. Executive Committee & Staff Report

Staff Mario Yedidia invited the commissioners to witness the inauguration for the newest members of the Board of Supervisors—those representing Districts 2, 6, 8, and 10—to take place on Saturday, January 8, 2011 in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Supervisors. He also informed commissioners Marshall-Fricker, Perez, Hirano, and Nauer that he would set up meetings for them to meet their new appointing supervisors.

Mr. Yedidia then discussed the situation concerning the next Mayor of San Francisco, explaining that Mayor Gavin Newsom is the current Lieutenant Governor-elect of California. Mayor Newsom had that earlier that day deferred his swearing-in to the position on January 3, 2011, in favor of waiting until after the new Board of Supervisors is sworn into office. The new Board of Supervisors will decide by

simple majority vote who will fill out the remainder of Mayor Newsom's term (which expires in early January, 2012).

Mr. Yedidia then thanked the commissioners for all of their hard work on the *State of the Youth* report. He mentioned that 439 surveys were completed by young people from private schools and public continuation schools. He was impressed with the amount of commissioners that he saw in the office working on this.

Lastly, Mr. Yedidia discussed the mid-year retreat that all commissioners were required to go to. He then mentioned that they would discuss the matter more in depth later on in the meeting, where he wanted to check the availability of the commissioners.

6. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

There was none.

7. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on the History of the Youth Commission from the perspective of a first-year (1996) Youth Commissioner
Presenter: Kent Khounsombath, Youth Commissioner, 1996-1998

Kent Khounsombath, a former Youth Commissioner, discussed the first few years of the Youth Commission from the perspective of a commissioner. He mentioned that he was a part of the campaign to put the commission in the City Charter, and underscored the importance of the fact that the San Francisco Youth Commission is the first such commission in the country to be in a legal document as important as a Charter.

Mr. Khounsombath recalled his excitement upon being appointed, but was struck immediately by the fact that there was not a lot of support for the Youth Commission and its work. The first meeting was chaired by the Mayor's Special Assistant on Youth and Families, but the Youth Commissioners made sure that he was not invited back to the second meeting. The Youth Commission felt they lacked many resources the first year, which subsequently caused them to advocate for many things. First things first, the first term of Youth Commissioners fought for a budget. They decided that they wanted two staff members, a director and assistant to the director, as well as five interns. They had to lobby to get the funding for these needs, but, ultimately, they were successful. After all of this, the Youth Commission still had no office space, so they continued to meet at a City-owned building at 401 Van Ness.

They wanted to work on bylaws, but they were told that they needed official meetings to do so, due to the Sunshine Ordinance. To avoid this cumbersome process, Youth Commissioners created informal working groups. Mr. Khounsombath worked on the working group that created the officers positions. The first term of Youth Commissioners created roles for a president, two vice presidents, and a treasurer and a community relations officer.

The Youth Commission, that first term, was extremely diverse, consisting of fifteen people of color, three teenage parents, two gay youth, and one homeless youth. Of this group, two thirds were women. There were many interpersonal issues and difficulties—everyone wanted to have their own voice heard. Moreover, there were huge problems with attendance. The first year, there were four to five commissioners absent each meeting. It was exceedingly difficult to amass quorum, because

there were only twelve to thirteen commissioners who would show up regularly. As such—given that the Youth Commission needed nine votes to pass a motion—making decisions was difficult.

Mr. Khounsombath recounted his time building bridges with other youth commissions across the Bay Area. At such a meeting of multicounty youth commissions, he remembered seeing Marin County Youth Commissioners fighting over the font on a letterhead. This drove Mr. Khounsombath to resolve not to sweat the small stuff. Especially given that commissioners had terms of only a single year, he wanted to make sure that his time on the commission was as productive as possible.

During the Youth Commission's second term, Mr. Khounsombath worked with the City Attorney's office to craft what became known as Proposition E, which would have given the Youth Commission more power and authority (and would have, among other things, compensated Youth Commissioners for their work). Mr. Khounsombath reminded commissioners that the retrofitting of City Hall in the late 1990s caused many people to leave City Hall, but only certain offices were allowed in afterwards. Mr. Khounsombath and another commissioner lobbied then-President of the Board of Supervisors Barbara Kaufman to allow the Youth Commission office space into City Hall. He wanted young people to enter City Hall, come to Youth Commission meetings, and experience the richness of all.

Commissioners Kaminsky, Fierro, Hirano, Yang, Chan, Benezra commented on the successes of the early Youth Commission and asked clarifying questions.

Chair LaCroix thanked Mr. Khounsombath for his presentation.

B. Presentation and request for help on Youth Events and the state of Electronic Dance Music in San Francisco
Presenters: Liam Shy, former Youth Commissioner; Kyle Jimenez, former Youth Commissioner

Liam Shy, a Youth Commissioner during the 2003-2004 term, presented the Youth Commission with a request to help saving raves in San Francisco. Mr. Shy argued that raves—or electronic dance music events; he used both terms somewhat interchangeably—are an integral part of expression and sociality for young people in particular. Mr. Shy's colleague, Matt Kaftor, then discussed the introduction of California Assembly Bill 74 ("The Anti-Raves Act of 2011"), a proposal from state Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, which would to ban raves (and many other events with pre-recorded music) across the state. Matt argued that AB 74 seeks to stifle freedom of expression, of assembly and healthy late-night events for young people.

Mr. Shy then requested that the Youth Commission and the Entertainment Commission hold a joint public hearing in City Hall to discuss late night recreation events.

Commissioners Zuckerman, Kaminsky, Hirano, Benezra, Chan, Yang and Herzstein asked questions and made comments.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by Marshall-Fricker, moved to make an official request to the Entertainment Commission to hold a joint hearing. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Public Comment:

Audrey Joseph (Vice-Chair of the Entertainment Commission but speaking as an individual), spoke in favor of the Youth Commission and Entertainment Commission working together to stop date rape with education in the clubs.

8. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Resolution 1011—AL04: Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Municipal Transportation Agency and the San Francisco Unified School District to Completely Revamp the Distribution Policy for the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass (Commissioners Yang, LaCroix, Hirano)
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Vice-Chair Liang took up the duties of chairing this item, given the fact that Chair LaCroix was a cosponsor.

Chair LaCroix and commissioner Yang then provided some background to her colleagues on the Youth Lifeline Pass—a half priced, monthly MUNI fast pass for low income public school students that the Youth Commission advocated for in the winter and Spring of 2011 (based on a resolution initially authored by Commissioners Liang and LaCroix adopted in February of 2010). After the Youth Commission garnered support for the creation of this fast pass from the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education, the Board of Directors of the Municipal Transportation Agency agreed in April of 2010 to budget $3 million dollars for 2 fiscal years (FY 10-11 and FY 11-12) for this program—and the school district was supposed to get the passes out by August of 2010. As of today, January 3, 2011, this still had not happened. Commissioner Yang pointed out the fact that the current fiscal year is already halfway over, and nothing has happened yet on this program.

Commissioners LaCroix and Yang then read the resolution into the public record

Commissioners Zuckerman and Kaminsky offered their support.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved to suspend the bylaws and vote on this on first reading. This motion passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes– Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin. No's – Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker,

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to approve the resolution with amendments. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. The 2010-2011 San Francisco Youth Commission *State of the Youth* Report (ROUGH DRAFT)
First Reading
Presenters: Commissioners Fierro, Beaulac, Yang, LaCroix and Hirano
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Chair LaCroix introduced the *State of the Youth* report. She urged the commissioners to add some input, as the report represents the Youth Commission. Several commissioners discussed what they were putting into the report, and it was noted that this report may well constitute an important piece of work for the Youth Commission.

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. Commissioner Hewitt (November 15, 2010, December 6, 2010)

Commissioner Hewitt explained that she was sick on November 15th, 2010. She also said that she had a family emergency on December 6, 2010. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved to excuse commissioner Hewitt's absence. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioner Kaminsky pointed out that he would not unavailable January 15th & 16th – due to the Dr. King "Know Your Rights" event.

Public Comment:
Mr. Khounsombath insisted that two days would be best for the retreat, due to the fact that the social aspect of the retreat is of great importance to commissioners' development and cohesion. He also suggested that a core group of commissioners should plan the retreat.

Commissioner Fierro, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved that the retreat be the 29th & 30th of January. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Liang thanked Mr. Khounsombath for staying for the entire meeting, as well as Bill for coming to every meeting.

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda
Special Meeting
Mid Year Retreat

Saturday, January 29, 2011
10:00am—2:00pm
Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth
459 Vienna Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

4. **Executive Committee & Staff Report**

5. **Workshop on the City Charter and the Five Tools of the Youth Commission (responses to legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors, resolutions, meeting with appointing officers, budget priorities, youth outreach) (Discussion Only)**
   Presenter: Youth Commission staff

6. **Workshop on the Annual City Budget Process (Discussion Only)**
   Presenter: Youth Commission staff

7. **Adjournment**

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 11:09am.
Commissioners present: Hirano, Marshall-Fricker, Zukerman, LaCroix, Kaminsky, Herzstein, Benezra, Liang, Beaulac, Chan, Yang, Sun, Lin
Commissioners tardy: Fierro, Nauer, Perez.
Commissioners absent: Hewitt.
Staff present: Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to approve the day's agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

4. Executive Committee & Staff Report

There was none.

5. Workshop on the City Charter and the Five Tools of the Youth Commission (responses to legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors, resolutions, meeting with appointing officers, budget priorities, youth outreach) (Discussion Only)
Presenter: Youth Commission staff

Staff Mario Yedidia and Chair LaCroix led Youth Commissioners through a didactic presentation and question-and-answer session regarding the centrality of the Charter (Chair LaCroix characterized it metaphorically as the "heart" of City government) to the Youth Commission's five tools of affecting public policy: responding to legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office (as provided for in Charter SEC 4.124); researching, writing and adopting resolutions that formally articulate the Youth Commission's positions on various issues; meeting with appointing officers; developing budget priorities for the subsequent fiscal year; and doing outreach to young people through the City.

There were numerous break-out sessions were

No official action was taken.

6. Workshop on the Annual City Budget Process (Discussion Only)
Presenter: Youth Commission staff

Staff Mario Yedidia walked the Youth Commission through the timeline of the City's annual budget process, making frequent reference to the "Guide to the Budget Process" produced by the Controller's Office a few years ago. There were procedural and technical questions, and a lively and upbeat discussion.

No official action was taken.

7. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda
Monday, February 7, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

4. **Executive Committee & Staff Report (Informational Item)**

5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

   A. File no. 110074 [MUNI Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program Changes]
   Sponsors: Campos; Mirkarimi, Avalos, Cohen, Kim and Mar
   Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to adopt changes to the Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program for qualified low-income youth.
   Presenter: Youth Commission staff
   Document A

6. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Presentation on the City & County of San Francisco's Budget for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year
   Presenter: Greg Wagner, Mayor's Budget Director
   Documents B, C

   B. A Presentation on Youth Speaks and a Proposal for Collaboration
   Presenter: Josh Healey, Youth Program Director, Youth Speaks & Youth Speaks youth poets
   Document D

   C. Health Education Task Force: A proposal for Improving Health Education in the SFUSD
   Presenter: Natalie Davidson, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Youth Commissioner
   Document E

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Resolution/In Memorium commending the life and work of Jack Mayeda, a lifelong public school educator, both in San Francisco and San Mateo County
   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Sun
   Document F

   B. Resolution commending the Children's Book Project
   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Fierro

SF Youth Commission

Document G

8. Attendance Review (Action Item)

9. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

10. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order 5:20pm.

Commissioners present: Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix.
Commissioners tardy: Perez, Hirano, Lin.
Commissioners absent: Zukerman, Liang, Hewitt, Fierro.
Staff present: Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Sun, moved to approve the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

6. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on the City & County of San Francisco's Budget for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year
Presenter: Greg Wagner, Mayor's Budget Director
Documents B, C

Chair LaCroix then called item 6A out of order and welcomed the Mayor's Budget Director to the Youth Commission.

Mr. Wagner prefaced his presentation by thanking the assembled Youth Commissioners for their service to the City. He then proceeded to offer a high-level presentation of the City's budget for the upcoming 2011-2012 fiscal year, for which the City will have a significant General Fund deficit—at this point, it is estimated to be $379.8 million.

Mr. Wagner underscored the importance of the fact that less than 45% of the City's entire $6.5 billion budget is in the General Fund; it is for this reason that the General Fund is the cause of such consternation. General Fund services are largely state-mandated: public safety, general welfare, etc. Thus, any shortfalls in money that the City expects to receive from the state are exceedingly important.

Mr. Wagner concluded with a walk through of the City's annual budget process, whereby individual departments propose budgets through their respective commissions to the Mayor's Office, after which the Mayor presents a proposed balance budget to the Board of Supervisors, which makes modest amendments.

Commissioners Herzstein, Yang, LaCroix and Benezra asked questions. Mr. Wagner noted that the Youth Commission has historically produced budget priorities for the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors to bear in mind in their work, and he emphasized that, from his perspective (that of being responsible for balancing the City's budget), it would be very helpful for the Youth Commission not only to call for funding new programs and initiatives, but also to offer examples of where to find savings and reductions.

Public Comment:
Sharen Hewitt urged the Youth Commission to pay particular attention to homicides in the Southeast Sector of the City. She urged the Youth Commission and the City to think about the importance of funding programs that are preventative and can eliminate violence before it begins.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Resolution commending the Children's Book Project
Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Fierro
Document G

Chair LaCroix then called item 7B out of order. She proceeded to read in the public record the resolution commending the Children's Book Project, which provides books and other literacy tools to young (largely African American) youth in the Western Addition and Visitacion Valley. Vicky Pollock, the founder and head of the Children's Book Project, graciously accepted the commendation. Sharen Hewitt also spoke in support of the Children's Book Project.

6. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. A Presentation on Youth Speaks and a Proposal for Collaboration
Presenter: Josh Healey, Youth Program Director, Youth Speaks & Youth Speaks youth poets
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Chair LaCroix then called item 6B out of order. Josh Healey, Brandon Santiago and Melody Chen, all of Youth Speaks, then provided the Youth Commission with a presentation and a request. Mr. Healey and Mr. Santiago, both Youth Speaks employees, described the mission, purpose and vision of Youth Speaks, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the literacy abilities of young people throughout the Bay Area by providing writing workshops, organizing poetry slams and otherwise providing youth with a forum for creative, constructive interpersonal connection.

Ms. Chen—a young poet and participant in Youth Speaks' programming and current John O'Connell High School student—explained that Youth Speaks has begun to host forums on particular issues before their regularly-scheduled "Open Mic's." This coming Friday, February 25, from 5:00pm—6:30pm, Youth Speaks' was planning to host such a forum regarding youth violence at the nonprofit literary arts organizations 826 Valencia (located in the Mission District of San Francisco at that address between 19th and 20th streets).

Commissioners Marshall-Fricker, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to endorse this event. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

C. Health Education Task Force: A proposal for Improving Health Education in the SFUSD
Presenter: Natalie Davidson, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Youth Commissioner
Document E

Chair LaCroix then yielded the introduction of this item to Commissioner Kaminsky. He then explained that he had invited the coming present, Natalie Davidson, to the Youth Commission, because of the current commission's interest in improving health education for young people in San Francisco.

Subsequently, Natalie Davidson, a former Youth Commissioner (2008-2010) and current senior at Lowell High School, explained to the Youth Commission that she was devoting her extracurricular time this year to following up on a resolution adopted by the Youth Commission late in the 2009-2010 term which calls on the school district revamp its health education curriculum. She walked Youth Commissioners' through a rather comprehensive PowerPoint presentation rife with troubling statistics that underscored the great need for better health education for San Francisco public school students. Ultimately,

Ms. Davidson asked for at least one commissioner from the Youth Commission to volunteer herself (or himself) to be a point person to work with Ms. Davidson to shepherd the creation of a task force that would remake the health education curriculum in the public schools. Commissioners Kaminsky and Hirano offered themselves up as point people.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

A. File no. 110074 [MUNI Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program Changes]
Sponsors: Campos; Mirkarimi, Avalos, Cohen, Kim and Mar
Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to adopt changes to the Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program for qualified low-income youth.
Presenter: Youth Commission staff
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Staff Mario Yedidia walked commissioners through the background of this resolution referred from the Board of Supervisors: the Youth Commission's initial proposal and advocacy for the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass (a discounted MUNI fast pass for low income public school students), which began in the winter of 2010. Despite the fact that MUNI had budgeted money ($1.4 million in the current fiscal year) for the program and the school district had committed to implementing it starting 6 months ago (in August of 2010), not a single fast pass was concluded.

The meeting was recessed for five minutes.

Mr. Yedidia concluded his presentation by summarizing the four main challenges that school district officials have identified as having, thus far, prohibited them from distributing the Youth Lifeline (many of these challenges were identified on the public record at the Youth Commission's December 8, 2010 hearing on this matter): challenges with (1) identifying who qualifies for the fast pass, because free and reduced lunch information is confidential and cannot be used for anything except the free and reduced lunch program;(2) the use of cash (the school district does not want tens of thousands of

dollars in cash flowing through its various school sites); (3) which employees the school district can hold responsible for distributing the fast pass; and (4) where to sell the fast pass.

Given these challenges and the 6-month delay in beginning distribution, the resolution currently in front of the Youth Commission, authored by Supervisor Campos, is an attempt to get as many fast passes distributed qualified low income young people as possible—by identifying qualified young students through a new eligibility form and distributing the Youth Lifeline fast passes for free.

Questions and comments were offered by commissioners Herzstein, Nauer, LaCroix, Yang, Kaminsky, Benezra, Sun, Hirano and Lin.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to support the legislation referred. This motion was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Resolution/In Memorium commending the life and work of Jack Mayeda, a lifelong public school educator, both in San Francisco and San Mateo County
Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Sun
Document F

Given the absence of Mr. Mayeda's relatives, commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to postpone consideration of this resolution until a later date. This motion was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

8. Executive Committee & Staff Report (Informational Item)

Commissioners Sun, Chan, Lin and Yang warmly updated their colleagues on the Youth Leadership Retreat they had attended with dozens of young people the prior weekend. This retreat, sponsored by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families' Youth Empowerment Fund, brought together young people involved in providing City departments' with policy recommendations with the Youth Warriors, a group of 16 young people sponsored by community based organizations who are trained in the City's governance, budget and legislative processes. The Leadership Retreat was a great success!

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

4. **Executive Committee & Staff Report (Informational Item)**

5. **Committee Updates**

6. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

   A. **File no. 110075 [Accept and Expend Grant - Safe Routes to School - $500,000]**
   Sponsor: Chiu
   Presenter: Staff, Department of Public Health, Community Health Promotion and Prevention
   Document A

7. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Presentation on the Results of the Fall 2010 Youth Vote Student Survey**
   Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Coordinator, Youth Vote Student Survey
   Document B

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   Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners LaCroix, Liang, Benezra, Beaulac
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9. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   B. **Creating Youth Commission Application for 2011-2012 Year**
   Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
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10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

11. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes

Tuesday, February 22, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 278
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Liang called the meeting to order at 5:22pm.

Commissioners present: Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Beaulac, Nauer, Kaminsky, Lin.
Commissioners absent: Zukerman, Hewitt, Herzstein, Chan, Benezra, Hirano.
Commissioners tardy: Yang, LaCroix.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to approve the evening's agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

Christine Revelo-Lee, a Youth Commissioner in the mid-2000s and current San Francisco State University student, announced that she was serving as a sporadic intern in the Youth Commission.

Greco Balatbat and Angelica Cabande (both representing residents and young people in the South of Market neighborhood, and the latter of whom is the Organizational Director of the South of Market Community Action Network) and Dean Bonilla (a young man and user of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center) urged the Youth Commission to support their work in trying to hold the Recreation and Parks department more accountable for the department's changing of its recreation model.

6. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

A. File no. 110075 [Accept and Expend Grant - Safe Routes to School - $500,000]
Sponsor: Chiu
Presenter: Staff, Department of Public Health, Community Health Promotion and Prevention
Document A

Vice-Chair Liang then called item 6A out of order. Ana Validzik from the Department of Public Health walked the Youth Commission and the public through a PowerPoint presentation on the Safe Routes to School Program, which promotes walking and/or biking to school. Between 1969 and 2008, she explained, there has been a great historical decline in walking to school. Ms. Validzik. The state of California makes funds available to counties to pay for such

Commissioners Fierro, Sun, Yang, Lin and Benezra asked questions and offered comments.

Public Comment:
SOMA resident and youth Wendy Zheng emphasized that bicycling is dangerous in her neighborhood because of the high speed of cars.

SOMA resident and youth Cynthia Ayala expressed concern with pedestrian safety in the SOMA.

SOMA community organizer Angelica Cabande expressed a need for more pedestrian safety in the SOMA.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to support the piece of legislation before the Youth Commission. This motion was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Kaminsky, Lin.

7. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on the Results of the Fall 2010 Youth Vote Student Survey
Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Coordinator, Youth Vote Student Survey
Document B

Peter Lauterborn, Coordinator of the Youth Vote Student Survey (a mock-election and survey of San Francisco public high school students funded by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families that informs the Youth Commission and City and school district policy makers of the greatest social issues facing San Francisco youth) walked through the results of the fall 2010 survey.

Commissioners Yang, Sun, Kaminsky and Lin asked questions. Commissioners Fierro and Kaminsky expressed a distinct interest in helping Mr. Lauterborn expand the Spring 2011 survey to independent and parochial high schools.

8. Special Order 6:30pm ** Recognition of Commendations

A. Resolution celebrating 2011 Black History Month and commending various community-based organizations that serve the city's African American youth and are committed to honoring the cultural traditions of the African Diaspora
Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners LaCroix, Liang, Benezra, Beaulac
Document D

What with the dozens of young people entering the meeting room, Vice-Chair Liang called item 8A, the evening's special order.

Chair LaCroix read into the public record this resolution, which commends a number of community-based organizations that serve African-American young people and honor and develop the cultural traditions of the African Diaspora. In attendance were staff and young program participants from Inner City Youth, MO MAGIC, the African American Arts and Culture Complex, the Bayview/Hunter's Point YMCA, and the CLAER Project, each of whom received a Certificate of Honor from the Youth Commission, and each of whom shared a bit about their work and programming. All in all, it was a celebratory and festive agenda item.

7. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Presentation on Tap Inside: a peer-to-peer campaign that lets young people teach friends, classmates and teammates about the unsustainable nature of bottled water and to build trust in our excellent and safe tap water supply
Presenter: Sean Sax, Founder, Tap Inside

Mr. Sax explained to the Youth Commission the great environmental detriments caused by the widespread production, consumption and disposal of bottled water. He asked the Youth Commission to support the Tap Inside campaign, a not-for-profit endeavor aimed at educating young people all over San Francisco—and, indeed, all over the country—about these detrimental effects.

Commissioners Fierro and LaCroix asked questions and offered remarks.

Commissioner Yang, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to endorse the Tap Inside campaign. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

9. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Creating Youth Commission Application for 2011-2012 Year
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
Document E

Vice Chair Liang and staff Mario Yedidia encouraged Youth Commissioners to develop an application for the upcoming 2011-2012 term.

Commissioners Nauer, Fierro, Sun, Perez asked questions.

There was no official action taken.

4. Executive Committee & Staff Report (Informational Item)

Mario Yedidia reminded commissioners about the Youth Speaks/Youth Commission public forum & poetry slam open-mic coming up this Friday, February 25, 2011 at 7:00pm at 826 Valencia between 19th & 20th streets. He also reminded commissioners about the upcoming Tuesday, March 22, 2011 Youth Commission & Entertainment Commission joint hearing, to be held at 7:30pm in City Hall, room 400.

5. Committee Updates

Commissioner Beaulac invited the Youth Commission and public to the joint Board of Supervisors' Public Safety Committee & Police Commission joint hearing regarding community policing, set for Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:30pm.

8. Attendance Review (Action Item)

9. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

There was none.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Liang adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda

Monday, March 7, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

4. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

5. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Larkin Street Youth Services: an overview of the services provided by & the budget of the organization**
   Presenter: Toby Eastman, Chief of Programs, Larkin Street Youth Services
   Documents A, B

   B. **Youth Uniting to Reclaim Recreation Space: a presentation and request for Youth Commission collaboration**
   Presenters: Youth and community organizers from YURRS (a collaboration between SOMCAN, the SOMA Youth Leadership Project and Connect to Protect)
   Document C

   C. **Department of Children, Youth and Their Families' Youth Empowerment Fund Youth Advocacy Day: a presentation and request for collaboration**
   Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families

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   B. **Resolution/In Memoriam commending the life and work of Jack Mayeda, a lifelong public school educator, both in San Francisco and San Mateo County**
   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Sun
   Document E

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. **Resolution supporting Planned Parenthood and calling on the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the U.S. Congress not to cut the organization's funding**
Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Kaminsky
Document F

B. **Approving the Questions for the Youth Commission Application for the 2011-2012 Term and authorizing staff and commissioners to release application ASAP**
Presenter: Commissioners Kaminsky, Liang, and Youth Commission staff
Document G

8. Staff Report (Informational Item)

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.
Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Chan, LaCroix.
Commissioners tardy: Hewitt, Lin.
Commissioners absent: Kaminsky.
Staff present: Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved to approve the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator at the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families invited Youth Commissioners to the upcoming Youth Employment Forum at City College (details to be announced) and Project WHAT!, a paid job program for young people whose parents have been (or are currently) incarcerated.

4. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

5. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Larkin Street Youth Services: an overview of the services provided by & the budget of the organization
Presenter: Toby Eastman, Chief of Programs, Larkin Street Youth Services
Documents A, B

Ms. Eastman presented the Youth Commission with an overview of the 27-year-old not-for-profit organization Larkin Street Youth Services, which serves 14-24 year-old young people at in or at-risk of homelessness at 13 different locations in the City of San Francisco. Ms. Eastman made frequent reference to a document she distributed to commissioners and other assembled members of the public, the *2010 Incidence and Needs* report, which, among other things, details how Larkin served 3,400 young people in 2010.

Ms. Eastman described Larkin's continuum of services—from "point-of-entry" services at the organization's two drop-in centers in the Tenderloin and the Haight that offer food, showers and lockers and case management; two shelters; nine transitional housing programs, some of which are population-specific (in particular, for foster care youth; HIV positive youth; youth with severe behavioral health needs; LGBTQ-youth) and some of which are not; and a range of support services,

including an education and employment program, behavioral health programs, and a primary health medical clinic. She said that of the young people who move through the entirety of Larkin's continuum services, 75%-80% of those young people make a successful transition into independent, non-street life.

Commissioners Chan, Herzstein, Zukerman, Benezra and Yang asked questions. Ms. Eastman underscored the importance of distinguishing between *shelter* and *housing*—that is, between a temporary place to stay and more permanent, stable housing.

There was no official action taken.

B. Youth Uniting to Reclaim Recreation Space: a presentation and request for Youth Commission collaboration
Presenters: Youth and community organizers from YURRS (a collaboration between SOMCAN, the SOMA Youth Leadership Project and Connect to Protect)
Document C

Commissioner Benezra provided the Youth Commission with some context for this item, reminding Youth Commissioners that had heard from Youth Uniting to Reclaim Recreation Space (YURRS). YURRS grew out of experiences had by young people, youth service providers and youth organizers with in the South of Market and Castro Commissioner with the Recreation and Parks Department's over use of neighborhood recreation centers. On the whole, these experiences were full of miscommunication, mistrust and, it would appear, bad feelings on all parts—leaving the young people of YURRS that they were not being included in decisions over their neighborhood recreation centers. Seven young people working with YURRS met with Commissioner Benezra and Commissioner Marshall-Fricker a few weeks ago.

Commissioner Benezra then invited Youth Commissioners to attend an upcoming meeting with Recreation and Parks Department staff (set for Thursday, March 10 at 4:15pm) to address these issues. Xander Baltabat of YURRS thanked the Youth Commission for its interest in helping facilitate productive conversations between YURRS youth and Recreation and Parks Department staff.

There was no official action taken.

C. Department of Children, Youth and Their Families' Youth Empowerment Fund Youth Advocacy Day: a presentation and request for collaboration
Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families

Ms. Abrahamian began by making mention of last year's Youth Lobby Day, which took place on May 20, 2010, and was an opportunity for young people from around San Francisco to come to City Hall, learn about the political and legislative process, and meet elected and appointed officials.

Along those lines, Ms. Abrahamian invited the Youth Commission to the next iteration of that event—namely, Youth Advocacy Day, set for Wednesday, April 6, 2011, an all-day event replete with workshops, meeting with elected and appointed officials, and a press conference, set for Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

Commissioner Liang, seconded by commissioner Nauer, moved to endorse Youth Advocacy Day. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Resolution supporting Planned Parenthood and calling on the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the U.S. Congress not to cut the organization's funding**
   Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Kaminsky
   Document F

In the absence of commissioner Kaminsky (this resolution's sponsor), Chair LaCroix read this resolution into the public record.

There was discussion by commissioners Herzstein, Chan, Benezra, Nauer and Zukerman. The commission decided to postpone voting on this resolution until their next meeting, pending commissioner Kaminsky's presence.

   B. **Approving the Questions for the Youth Commission Application for the 2011-2012 Term and authorizing staff and commissioners to release application ASAP**
   Presenter: Commissioners Kaminsky, Liang, and Youth Commission staff
   Document G

Commissioner Liang provided some background to this item, reminding commissioners that tonight they were set to vote on a final rough draft of the application for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

There was robust and increasingly passionate discussion regarding as to whether or not to include a letter of recommendation. Commissioners Hirano, Marshall-Fricker, Nauer, Zukerman, LaCroix, Chan and Benezra made comments.

Upon the arrival of the Youth Commission's guests for its Recognition of Commendations, the commission postponed this item and went into its 6:30pm Recognition of Commendations.

8. **Special Order 6:30pm ** Recognition of Commendations ****

   A. **Resolution celebrating 2011 Black History Month and commending various community-based organizations that serve the city's African American youth and are committed to honoring the cultural traditions of the African Diaspora**
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   Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners LaCroix, Liang, Benezra, Beaulac
   Document D

Josh Healey of Youth Speaks and Yvette Mari Robles accepted their commendations.

Commissioner Nauer, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved to formally adopt this resolution of commendation, which commends Youth Speaks and B'MAGIC for their work serving African-American young people. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

   B. **Resolution/In Memoriam commending the life and work of Jack Mayeda, a lifelong public school educator, both in San Francisco and San Mateo County**
   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Sun
   Document E

Commissioner Sun read into the public record this resolution, which commends the life and work of Mr. Jack Mayeda, who was a longtime Bay Area educator. Mrs. Nancy Mayeda, widow to Mr. Mayeda, graciously accepted the resolution of commendation. Commissioner Sun, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to adopt this resolution. This motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Approving the Questions for the Youth Commission Application for the 2011-2012 Term and authorizing staff and commissioners to release application ASAP
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Chair LaCroix then re-opened up item 7B—namely, the discussion and approval of the Youth Commission application for the upcoming 2011-2012 term.

Commissioners Nauer, Herzstein, Hirano, Benezra, Liang and Perez offered comments.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Benezra, moved to strike question 5 ("What are some of the issues the Youth Commission has worked on during the 2010-2011 year that you would like to work on during your term? Has that issue impacted you directly?").

This motion was approved on the following 12-3 roll call vote: Ayes (12)—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Benezra, Herzstein, Chan, LaCroix, Lin. No's (3)—Liang, Fierro, Yang.

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to approve question 7 as it is written ("Please provide a letter of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family regarding your work").

Commissioners Nauer and Sun argued against keeping this question.

This motion failed by the following 7-8 roll call vote: Ayes (7)—Liang, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein. No's (8)—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Beaulac, Nauer, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

Commissioner Fierro, seconded by commissioner Liang, moved to amend question 7, by offering an optional opportunity for those applicants who don't submit a letter of recommendation to explain why.

This motion failed by the following 8-7 roll call vote: Ayes (8)—Liang, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein. No's (7)—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Nauer, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Herzstein, moved to approve the entire document with commissioner Fierro's previously failed amendment (that is, by adding an optional opportunity for applicants who do not submit a letter of recommendation to explain why).

This motion was approved on the following 11-4 roll call vote: Ayes (11)—Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein. No's (4)—Nauer, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

8. Staff Report (Informational Item)

There was none.

9. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)

10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

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Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda
Monday, March 21, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

4. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

5. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Presentation on the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families DRAFT Initial Findings 2011 Community Needs Assessment**
   Presenter: Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
   Documents A, B

6. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Resolution supporting Planned Parenthood and calling on the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the U.S. Congress not to cut the organization's funding**
   Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Kaminsky
   Document C

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   Presenters and Sponsors: Commissioners Sun & Beaulac
   Document D

   C. **Approval of Youth Commission Outreach Plan for 2011-2012 Application**
   Presenter: Commissioners Nauer, Beaulac, Fierro
   Document E

7. **Staff Report (Informational Item)**

8. **Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)**

9. **Attendance Review (Action Item)**

10. **Announcements (This includes Community Events)**

11. **Adjournment**

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:22pm.
Commissioners present: Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Hewitt, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Benezra, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix.
Commissioners tardy: Lin, Yang.
Commissioners absent: Zukerman, Sun, Perez, Nauer, Herzstein.
Staff present: Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Hirano moved to approve the agenda, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

4. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

5. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

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In the absence of Maria Su, DCYF's senior planner Sandra Naughton presented the Youth Commission with the Initial Findings of the 2011 Community Needs Assessment. Such a presentation is mandated by the Children's Amendment section of the City Charter.

Commissioners Chan and Benezra asked clarifying questions.

6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Resolution supporting Planned Parenthood and calling on the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the U.S. Congress not to cut the organization's funding
Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Kaminsky

Commissioner Kaminsky read this resolution into the public record, which asks the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office to call on the federal government not to cut funding for Planned Parenthood, which provides educational and health services to young people.

Commissioner Hirano offered a few comments.

Commissioner Kaminsky asked that the Youth Commission postpone its vote on this matter until its second reading. No official action was taken.

B. Resolution Declaring Youth Commission Cosponsorship of the Financial Empowerment Event "MONEY!" at Abraham Lincoln High School, with Supervisor Carmen Chu and Congresswoman Jackie Speier
Presenters and Sponsors: Commissioners Sun & Beaulac
Document D

Commissioners Beaulac and Sun read this resolution into the public record, which formally declares the Youth Commission's support of this upcoming, April 30, 2011 financial literacy event, which will practically addresses issues of economic justice.

After modest discussion, commissioner Fierro moved to vote on this resolution on its first reading, seconded by commissioner Yang. This motion was approved by the following unanimous roll call vote: Ayes (12)—Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Hewitt, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Benezra, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

Subsequently, Hirano moved to approve this resolution, seconded by commissioner Liang. This resolution was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

C. Approval of Youth Commission Outreach Plan for 2011-2012 Application
Presenter: Commissioners Nauer, Beaulac, Fierro
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Introductory comments were provided by commissioner Fierro and Beaulac regarding the application, which had been discussed at length at the previous two Youth Commission meetings.

After very brief discussion, Commissioner Kaminsky moved to approve the Youth Commission outreach plan, seconded by commissioner Hirano.

7. Staff Report (Informational Item)

Staff Mario Yedidia provided a quick report regarding the number of Youth Lifeline fast passes distributed,

8. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)

Commissioner Fierro provided a brief update regarding the City & School Committee's talk regarding setting up an exchange program between Lincoln and St. Ignatius High Schools.
Commissioner Kaminsky invited commissioners to come to tomorrow's joint hearing of the Arts & Culture Committee's meeting with the Entertainment Commission.

Commissioner Yang said that the immigrant rights "working group" of Youth Commissioners had been in discussion with the Immigrant Rights Commission and the school district's Student Advisory Council on potential collaborations in the months to come. Commissioner Chan explained that she and commissioner Benezra have been doing focus groups/holding informal discussions with homeless young people at the LGBTQ Center—she mentioned that these conversations have shifted from creating a queer-only shelter to reforming current services to be more queer-friendly, perhaps by helping implement Chapter 12N of the Administrative Code.

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm in honor of Women's History Month.

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San Francisco Youth Commission & Entertainment Commission

Special Joint Hearing

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
7:30pm—9:00pm
City Hall, Room 400
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
3. **Introductory remarks from Entertainment Commission, Youth Commission, City Departments & Community (Discussion Only)**
4. **Hearing to consider issues related to the health and safety of young people who attend recreational and entertainment events—both those events that are permitted and those that are unpermitted, and both those that are exclusively for people 21 years of age and events that are "all ages" (Discussion Only)**
5. **Adjournment**

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San Francisco Youth Commission & Entertainment Commission
Special Joint Hearing
Minutes

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7:30pm—9:00pm
City Hall, Room 400
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1. Call to Order

1. Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.
2. Youth Commissioners present: Zukerman, Benezra, Beaulac, Kaminsky, Herzstein, LaCroix (constitutes quorum of Arts, Culture, Entertainment and Recreation Committee).
3. Youth Commission staff present: Yedidia
4. Entertainment Commissioners present: Perez, Meko, Newlin, Joseph, Benetti.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

The agenda was not officially approved.

3. Introductory remarks from Entertainment Commission, Youth Commission, City Departments & Community (Discussion Only)

Entertainment commissioner Joseph offered some introductory remarks, offering her support for the Youth Commission and the community's desire to increase the number of safe electronic dance music venues in San Francisco.

Youth Commission Chair LaCroix and commissioner Zukerman then provided some comments. Both commissioners underscored the Youth Commission's Chartered duty to advise the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors on the unmet needs of San Francisco's children and youth, and to identify those unmet needs through, among other methods, public forums—which is just what today's hearing is about. They thanked the many hundreds of young people in the audience, and explicitly connected this present hearing to a hearing—called "Recreation Revolution"—held by the Youth Commission some seven years ago, which helped identify the unmet recreational needs of San Francisco's young people.

Privilege of the floor was then granted to Supervisor Scott Wiener. First, Supervisor Wiener thanked all the assembled commissioners for their service. Supervisor Wiener went on to say that in his first few months in office, he has been committed to making sure San Francisco's nightlife scene is vibrant and healthy. The Supervisor lamented the City family's tendency to overreact when something bad happens. He explained that he had recently requested that the City's Controller's Office conduct a study that would assess just how much money San Francisco's nightlife industry brings into the City. He concluded that his office was and would in the future be available to help respond to the community's concerns regarding safe, vibrant entertainment opportunities.

Comments were offered from Kay Rodriguez from the Recreation and Parks Department.

4. Hearing to consider issues related to the health and safety of young people who attend recreational and entertainment events—both those events that are permitted and those that are unpermitted, and both those that are exclusively for people 21 years of age and events that are "all ages" (Discussion Only)

Public Comment was then offered—in person or by filling out a yellow speakers card—by the following individuals who, unless otherwise indicated, spoke in favor of liberally permitting Electronic Dance Music events in San Francisco and against the original version of the California state assembly bill AB 74, known as the "Anti Raves Act of 2011."

Liam Shy; Jordan Spalding; Matt Kaftor; Valerie Klinker; Snehal Chudgar (DJ Remix King); Michael Goven Miller; Justin Duke; Justin; Joseph Pred; Andre Korr; Jerry Edelstein; Numerous anonymous speakers; Peter Bejger; Alexander Woon; Jenny Vargas; Robin Mock; Kendra Aker; Ben Mushal; Kevin Collins; Nicole Andris; Nick Xavier; Eric Cederwall; Nic Higuera; Augustine Sanchez; George Davis; Nathaniel Fowler; Christina McKinstry; Kelly Edwards; Frances Ho; Felix Truong; Steven Yuen; Caitlin Grey; Shun Trenholm; Roxanne Tomco; Rishi Malhotra; Robert Parsons; Mackenzie Ayers; Samantha Marie; Jon Pincus; Ben Retan; Tom Murphy; Kellen Crisman; Le Liu; Pual Cumpian; Dan Yasouan; Neba Kaneza; Brittany Stonesifer; Emma Mallonee; Jason R Koplin; Audrey Whaling; Gabe Wexler; Taylor Emerson; Kristina Moseley; Reza Ebraitimi; Garrett Hom; Shawn Louth; Claire Stevenson; Susan Diana Harris; Guy Jara; Monica Salazar; Jessica Adams; Frank Walburg; Travis Creamer; Tony Staples; Rich Trapani; Jack Triplett; Howard Fallon; Forest French; Jack Cole; Chloe Donnelly; Melody Anne Hedin; Jonathan Castro; Carson Day; Allen Cole; Katrina Errico; Jason Koplin; Brian Van Winkle.

5. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 10:19pm.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

4. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

5. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Presentation on the Mission SF Community Financial Center's New Economic Rights for All Campaign**
   Presenter: Celina Ramos, Mission SF, Community Financial Center
   Document A

   B. **Presentation and request for input regarding the Planning Department's Central Corridor Project**
   Presenter: Steve Wertheim, Planner, Planning Department
   Document B

   C. **Presentation and request for support of San Francisco Community College District's fee suspension for City College**
   Presenter: John Rizzo, President, City College Board of Trustees
   Document C

6. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Resolution calling on the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to Support the California Domestic Worker Bill of Rights (1st reading)**
   Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners Yang, Sun, Perez, Lin
   Document D

   B. **Resolution supporting Planned Parenthood and calling on the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to urge the U.S. Congress to not to cut its funding (2nd reading)**
   Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Kaminsky
   Document E

   C. **Update on Youth Commission Outreach Plan for 2011-2012 Application**
   Presenters: Commissioners Beaulac, Fierro and Youth Commission staff
   Document F

7. **Staff Report (Informational Item)**

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:21pm.
Commissioners present: Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker, Perez, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.
Commissioners tardy: Sun (arrived at 5:23pm), Fierro.
Commissioners absent: Hirano, Benezra, Liang, Hewitt.
Staff present: Mario Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to approve the agenda but by amending it to explicitly not include action on item 5c. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
There was none.

4. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

5. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on the Mission SF Community Financial Center's New Economic Rights for All Campaign
Presenter: Celina Ramos, Mission SF, Community Financial Center
Document A

Celina Ramos, Jocelyn, Sergio, Jessica and other youth leaders from Mission SF's New Economic Rights for All (New Era), provided the Youth Commission with an in depth explanation of their campaign—an educational and research effort to reduce the effects of predatory lending on young people of color. This presentation included discussions of pay day lenders and other predatory financial institutions, as well as the communities they target. These youth leaders concluded their presentation by requesting the presence of the Youth Commission at their kickoff event on May 18.

Commissioner Chan then motioned to support and endorse the event, seconded by commissioner Herzstein. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

**Privilege of the floor was granted to Supervisor Mark Farrell, who had recently entered the hearing room.

Supervisor Farrell subsequently offered some brief remarks, explaining that he had come to the Youth Commission on the behalf of the Board of Supervisors and, as it were, City Hall as a whole, to

thank the Youth Commissioners for their work. Before concluding and departing, the Supervisor graciously mentioned that his door is always open, and that he happily accepts any visitors.**

B. Presentation and request for input regarding the Planning Department's Central Corridor Project
Presenter: Steve Wertheim, Planner, Planning Department
Document B

Steve Wertheim, a staff person at the Planning Department, presented the Youth Commission with a request for input regarding his department's Central Corridor Project, which will involve changing land use regulations in the South of Market area above the City's Central Subway Project (in which the City is investing $1 to $1.5 billion).

Mr. Wertheim explained that the Planning Department has authority over what is built in the City and County of San Francisco. His purpose of coming to the Youth Commission was to engage, and find new ways of interacting and involving the youth of San Francisco – which is one of the underrepresented populations.

Commissioners Herzstein and Kaminsky offered questions.

Mr. Wertheim concluded by laying out his three goals vis-à-vis the Youth Commission: first and foremost, that the Youth Commission know that the Planning Department exists; secondly, that the Youth Commission, when possible, help the Planning Department reach out to the young people in the neighborhoods affected by this project; and, finally, that the Youth Commission help the Planning Department engage more young San Franciscans in its future projects.

C. Presentation and request for support of San Francisco Community College District's fee suspension for City College
Presenter: John Rizzo, President, City College Board of Trustees
Document C

John Rizzo, the President of City College Board of Trustees, presented the Youth Commission with a request for support for a fee suspension for City College. Mr. Rizzo discussed the current economic threats to California Colleges. He discussed that not only do they have 25% fewer administrators, but they are taking $24 million in costs, on top of increased costs. Therefore, even more cuts will need to be made to support this deflated budget.

Mr. Rizzo then asked the Youth Commission to support the suspension of fees at City College.

Commissioners Zuckerman, Herzstein, LaCroix and Chan asked questions. Because of a noticing problem—the agenda packet for this meeting did not include the second page of the City College resolution—the Youth Commission could not take action on this matter. Commissioners agreed to take this up at their next meeting.

6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Resolution calling on the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to Support the California Domestic Worker Bill of Rights (1st reading)
Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners Yang, Sun, Perez, Lin
Document D

Commissioner Yang took the microphone to discuss this resolution. She proceeded to read the resolution into the public record.

Commissioner LaCroix moved to vote on this resolution on its first reading, seconded by commissioner Sun. This motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes (10)—Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Perez, Fierro, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Herzstein, LaCroix, Lin. No (1)—Kaminsky. Absent for vote: Chan.

Commissioner Yang moved to support this resolution, seconded by commissioner Sun. This motion was approved and this resolution was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

B. **Resolution supporting Planned Parenthood and calling on the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to urge the U.S. Congress to not to cut its funding (2nd reading)**
Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Kaminsky
Document E

Commissioner Kaminsky read this resolution, slightly revised from the last meeting of March 21, into the public record.

Commissioner Fierro moved to support this resolution, seconded by commissioner Herzstein. This motion was approved and this resolution was adopted unanimously by acclamation.

C. **Update on Youth Commission Outreach Plan for 2011-2012 Application**
Presenters: Commissioners Beaulac, Fierro and Youth Commission staff
Document F

7. Staff Report (Informational Item)
There was none.

8. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)
There was none.

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Commissioners Nauer, Fierro and Beaulac reminded everyone present about the upcoming April 30 Financial Literacy Day, the upcoming Board of Supervisors Budget & Finance Committee discussions of the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and the Cesar Chavez Day parade.

Finally, commissioner LaCroix reminded everyone that April is Autism Awareness Month. She urged everyone to wear blue in support.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

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The Youth Commission meeting of Monday, April 18, 2011 has been cancelled.

The Youth Commission will meet next on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 5:15pm in room 305 of City Hall.

Supplemental documents for agenda items are available for review at City Hall Room 345. Minutes are also available on the Youth Commission Website at www.sfgov.org/youth_commission.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

4. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

5. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Presentation & update on the Mayor's Office of Housing Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Work Plan and Recommendations**
   Presenter: Anne Romero, Mayor's Office of Housing
   Documents A, B

   B. **Presentation and request for support of San Francisco Community College District's fee suspension for City College**
   Presenter: John Rizzo, President, City College Board of Trustees
   Document C

   C. **Presentation and request for endorsement of the Bay Area Youth Summit**
   Presenter: Commissioner Zukerman
   Document E

6. **Youth Commission Business (Unless otherwise noted, all Items to follow involved *Discussion and Possible Action*)**

   A. **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support Eddy Zheng's right to remain in the United States (1st reading)**
   Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners Lin, Zukerman
   Document F

   B. **Youth Commission Budget Priorities for FY 2011-2012 (Discussion Only)**
   Presenters: Executive Committee, Youth Commission staff
   Document G

   C. **Update on Youth Commission Outreach Plan for 2011-2012 Application**
   Presenters: Executive Committee, Youth Commission staff

7. **Staff Report (Informational Item)**

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8. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:21pm.
Commissioners present: Zuckerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, LaCroix.
Commissioners tardy: Chan (arrived at 5:45pm).
Commissioners absent: Marshall-Fricker, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Lin.
Staff present: Mario Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Zuckerman, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
Mr. David Pilpel brought to the attention of the Youth Commission (in light of the commission's demonstrated interest in state-level legislation regarding raves and electronic dance music) the fact that earlier today the City's state legislation committee took up the amended version of the Assemblywoman Fiona Ma's AB 74, initially entitled "The Anti-Raves Act of 2011."

4. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)
There was none.

5. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Presentation and request for support of San Francisco Community College District's fee suspension for City College
Presenter: John Rizzo, President, City College Board of Trustees
Document C

Chair LaCroix called item 5B out of order.

John Rizzo, President of City College Board of Trustees, requested that the Youth Commission take action on the same issue about which he came to the commission at its previous meeting (April 4, 2011): namely, that the Youth Commission support the Board of Trustees' attempt to get the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to suspend approximately $2 million worth of fees that City College pays to the City & County each year for services—all of this because of the state's immense cuts to City College. Throughout his comments, President Rizzo frequently made mention of the fact that the City's K-12 public school system (the San Francisco Unified School District) receives millions of dollars of funds each year from the City & County.

In her capacity as the Mayor's advisor on Families and Children's Services (though she is also the elected President of the Board of Education), Hydra Mendoza explained that most of the monies the City and County provides to the school district each year are transferred to the SFUSD because of voter-approved Charter amendments; she added, moreover, that other City monies that go to the SFUSD come from the Children's Fund—which explicitly can only provide services for 0-18 year-olds. She reiterated the importance of City College and that the Mayor's Office very much wants to build a stronger relationship between City College and the City & County. That being said, the City has a $300 million budget deficit for the coming fiscal year, which means that policymakers—like the Mayor—will have very difficult decisions to make.

Commissioners Hirano, Benezra and Zukerman asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment:
Jesus Ávila, a student at City College's Mission Campus, explained that when he arrived in the U.S., he had many dreams, but got into an accident; however, even with his accident, his education at City College's transitional studies program has been absolutely critical; he asked that the Youth Commission give City College its support.

Commissioners Hirano, LaCroix, Benezra and Fierro then engaged in a spirited discussion, which also involved questions fielded by Ms. Mendoza and President Rizzo.

Ultimately, Chair LaCroix motioned to support the resolution, seconded by commissioner Zuckerman.

This motion was approved unanimously by the following roll-call vote: Ayes (13) — Zuckerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Chan, LaCroix.

A. Presentation & update on the Mayor's Office of Housing Transitional Age Youth (TAY)
Presenter: Anne Romero, Mayor's Office of Housing
Document A, B

Anne Romero, Project Manager at the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH), presented the Youth Commission with an update on MOH's Housing of Transitional Age Youth (TAY) plan. Broadly speaking, this plan involves providing 400 new units of housing by 2015, a few hundred of which are currently in the pipeline.

Dariush Kayhan, the Deputy Director of MOH, also participated in this presentation. Mr. Kayhan argued that San Francisco is doing more than any other city to increase permanent supportive housing. However, more needs to be done.

Commissioners Chan, Benezra, Zukerman and LaCroix asked questions and offered comments.

Chair LaCroix thanked Ms. Romero and Mr. Kayhan for their time.

A. Presentation and request for endorsement of the Bay Area Youth Summit
Presenter: Commissioner Zuckerman
Document E

Commissioner Zuckerman told commissioners about the upcoming Bay Area Youth Summit, set for this upcoming Saturday, which will involve 8 hours of workshops and community-building for queer young people and their allies.

Commissioner Hirano moved to endorse this summit, seconded by commissioner Chan.

This motion was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes (11) — Zuckerman, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Chan, LaCroix.

6. Youth Commission Business (Unless otherwise noted, all items to follow involved Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to support Eddy Zheng's right to remain in the United States (1st reading)
Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners Lin, Zuckerman
Document F

Commissioners Zuckerman and Lin read this resolution into the public record.

There was modest discussion, led by commissioner Hirano. Given that this was the first reading of the resolution, no official action was taken.

B. Youth Commission Budget Priorities for FY 2011-2012 (Discussion Only)
Presenter and sponsor: Executive Committee, Youth Commission Staff
Document G

Chair LaCroix and commissioner Hirano led the Youth Commission through a discussion of the commission's budget priorities for the previous fiscal year (FY 10-11).

C. Update on Youth Commission Outreach Plan for 2011-2012 Application
Presenters: Executive Committee, Youth Commission staff

Mario Yedidia and commissioners Beaulac, Benezra and Fierro offered updates on the outreach conducted thus far.

7. Staff Report (Informational Item)
There was none.

8. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)
There was none.

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

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   Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners Lin, Zukerman
   Document A

   B. **Reading of DRAFT Youth Commission Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011-2012**
   Presenters: Youth Commission
   Document B, C
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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Vice Chair and acting Chair Liang called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.
Commissioners present: Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Benezra, Kaminsky.
Commissioners tardy: Yang, Herzstein, Lin.
Commissioners absent: Nauer, Chan, LaCroix.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Hirano, moved to approve the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

Marco Chavarrin, Coordinator of the Treasurer's Office of Financial Empowerment, invited the Youth Commission to seize on its previous cosponsorship of the April 30 Financial Literacy event that took place at Lincoln High School on Saturday, April 30, 2011 and, perhaps, join forces with the Treasurer's Office to sponsor similar such events in the months to come in neighborhoods in the Southeast of San Francisco.

Commissioners Beaulac and Fierro thanked Mr. Chavarrin for his comments.

4. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

5. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Reading of DRAFT Youth Commission Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011-2012
Presenters: Youth Commission
Document B, C

Vice Chair Liang called item 6B out of order.

Commissioners Hirano and Fierro discussed the research they've been doing on jobs programs for transitional age youth. There was no official action taken.

A. Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support Eddy Zheng's right to remain in the United States (2nd reading)
Presenters and sponsors: Commissioners Lin, Zukerman

Document A

Commissioners Zuckerman and Lin read their revised resolution into the public record.

After modest discussion, commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Zuckerman, moved to adopt this resolution. This motion was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes (13) — Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Lin.

7. Staff Report (Informational Item)

8. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)

9. Attendance Review (Action Item)

10. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

Vice Chair Liang adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Youth Commission meeting of Monday, May 16, 2011 has been cancelled.

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The Youth Commission will meet next on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 5:15pm in City Hall, room to be announced.

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Special Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 305
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

Documents A, B, C, D

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**

5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

   A. **Planning Code, Police Code, Business and Tax Regulations Code – Limited Live Performance Permits (Supervisor Mirkarimi; Wiener, Mar, Campos)**
   Presenter: Rob Selna, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
   Documents
   Document E

6. **Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Resolution expressing the San Francisco Youth Commission's support for the homeless LGBTQ youth population and their rights and calling on the City to improve provision of housing, services, and the implementation of Chapter 12N of the Administrative Code. (1st Reading)**
   Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Chan
   Document F

   B. **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to prioritize providing more affordable housing for transitionally aged youth, particularly their support of the goal set forth by the Mayor's Office of Housing of building 400 new units of low-income housing for this population of by the year 2015. (1st Reading)**
   Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Benezra
   Document G

   C. **Memo to the Recreation and Parks Department Regarding Youth Commission's recognition of the organization Baseball for All**
   Presenter and Sponsor: Commissioner Chan
   Document H

8. **Staff Report (Informational Item)**

9. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)

10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

11. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

12. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes
Special Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 305
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:19pm.
Commissioners present: Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, LaCroix
Commissioners tardy: Chan, Lin.
Commissioners absent: Liang.
Staff present: Yedidia.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to approve the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
Documents A, B, C, D

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of January 3, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of January 29, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Yang, seconded by commissioner Sun, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of February 7, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve the minutes to meeting of February 22, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda

There was none.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

A. Planning Code, Police Code, Business and Tax Regulations Code – Limited Live Performance Permits (Supervisor Mirkarimi; Wiener, Mar, Campos)
Presenter: Rob Selna, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi
Document E

Mr. Selna, legislative aide to District 5 Supervisor Mirkarimi, began by mentioning the neighborhoods that constitute District 5—the Western Addition, the Haight, the Inner Sunset. These neighborhoods are home to many small businesses (including restaurants, coffee shops, bars, and that like) that, should they want to host live performances, are currently required to obtain a place of entertainment permit—which costs a significant amount of money.

The legislation before the Youth Commission creates a new category of entertainment permit—namely, the Limited Live Performance Permit—for establishments for which entertainment is a secondary purpose of the venue that would live music until 10:00pm.

Commissioners Kaminsky, Benezra, Herzstein, Zukerman, Fierro, LaCroix offered up questions.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by commissioner Zukerman, moved to support this ordinance. This motion was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes (15) — Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, LaCroix, Lin.

Commissioner Herzstein concluded this item by urging that the memo from the Youth Commission to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor regarding the commission's support of this legislation include the fact that the ordinance excludes pre-recorded, DJ music—and that, for many young people, this is a significant musical, cultural and entertainment reality.

6. Presentations (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to prioritize providing more affordable housing for transitionally aged youth, particularly their support of the goal set forth by the Mayor's Office of Housing of building 400 new units of low-income housing for this population of by the year 2015. (1st Reading)
Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Benezra
Document G

Commissioner Benezra read the first draft of her resolution into the public record.

Comments were offered up by commissioners Kaminsky, Marshall-Fricker, Nauer, Fierro.

Subsequently, commissioners discussed the possibility of holding a public hearing on the status of the City's housing plan for transitional aged youth. Commissioners Hirano, Fierro, Benezra, LaCroix, Herzstein and Kaminsky volunteered to meet and discuss the utility of such a hearing.

No official action was taken.

8. Staff Report (Informational Item)

Staff Mario Yedidia invited all commissioners to participate in the hiring process for the Youth Commission's vacant position of the Coordinator of Youth Development and Administration. Interviews were forthcoming next week; commissioners were welcome to participate in those, and/or read the resumes of all the applicants. Finally, he updated commissioners on the process for

appointing Youth Commissioners for the next (2011-2012) term, in which many current commissioners have been participating—ideally, the entire process would be completed by June 1.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Resolution expressing the San Francisco Youth Commission's support for the homeless LGBTQ youth population and their rights and calling on the City to improve provision of housing, services, and the implementation of Chapter 12N of the Administrative Code. (1st Reading)
Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Chan
Document F

Commissioner Chan provided some context for her resolution—namely, the time she has been spending (along with commissioners Benezra and Hirano) with homeless- and at-risk of homelessness-LGBTQ youth at the LGBTQ Center's meal night (which happens every Tuesday). Indeed, much of this resolution—it's criticism of the lack of resources for homeless LGBTQ youth and of the current resources and programs available for youth—is borne out of conversations at meal night, commissioner Chan said.

Commissioner Chan then read her resolution into the public record.

Questions and comments were posed by commissioners Yang, Herzstein, Zukerman.

No official action was taken.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

C. Memo to the Recreation and Parks Department Regarding Youth Commission's recognition of the organization Baseball for All
Presenter and Sponsor: Commissioner Chan
Document H

After reading this simple, brief memo into the public record, Commissioner Chan, seconded by commissioner LaCroix, moved to adopt this memo. This motion was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes (15) — Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Yang, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.

9. Committee Reports: City & School; Arts, Culture, Recreation and Entertainment; Youth Justice (Informational Item)

8. Attendance Review (Action Item)

9. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

10. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

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The Youth Commission meeting of
Monday, June 6, 2011
has been cancelled.

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The Youth Commission will meet next—for its final meeting of the 2010-2011 fiscal year—on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 5:15pm in room 416 of City Hall.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

5. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **YC 10-11—RC10: Resolution/In Memoriam celebrating the life of John David Francis**
   Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner LaCroix
   See document J

6. **Staff Report (Informational Item)**

7. **Announcements**

8. **Adjournment**

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.

Commissioners present: Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Joyce, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, LaCroix, Lin.
Commissioners tardy: Perez.
Commissioners absent: Yang.
Staff present: Yedidia, Covington (intern), Ruan (intern).

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by Marshall-Fricker, moved to approve the meeting's agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by commissioner Sun, moved to approve the minutes to the Special meeting of Monday, May 23, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Benezra, seconded by Commissioner Hirano, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of Monday, May 2, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Hirano, seconded by Commissioner Fierro, moved to approve the minutes to the Special meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of Monday, April 4, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by Commissioner Sun, moved to approve the minutes to the Special Joint meeting with the Entertainment Commission of Tuesday, March 22, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of Monday, March 21, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Herzstein, seconded by Commissioner Hirano, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of Monday, March 7, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by Commissioner Hirano, moved to approve the minutes to the special joint meeting with the Student Advisory Council of Wednesday, December 8, 2010, from 6:30-8:30pm (LGBTQQ issues).

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by Commissioner Nauer, moved to approve the minutes to the special meeting of Wednesday, December 8, 2010 from 4:00-6:00 (MUNI and youth issues).

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

Rhianna Babca from the California Walks organization spoke in public comment. California Walks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of communities by enhancing the pedestrian environment. They did a project at Mission High School where they collected data and testimonials from students. She asked for the Youth Commission's support in California Walks' work.

Tarik Ghaleb, a MHS student, also spoke. Tarik was part of the Video Voice project. He and his classmates identified a problem at Dolores and 19th streets—namely, that at this busy intersection there should be a stop sign to keep pedestrians safe. He asked for the Youth Commission's help on this issue.

5. Youth Commission Business (All Items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. YC 10-11—RC10: Resolution/In Memoriam celebrating the life of John David Francis
Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner LaCroix
See document J

Chair LaCroix introduced this item by paying respect and honoring the work of John David Francis, who passed away 2 weeks ago. Francis was an influential leader that touched the lives of many San Franciscans as a Youth Pastor at the Voice of Pentecost Church, of which Chair LaCroix is a member. This resolution commends his contributions to the lives of many youth in San Francisco.

Chair LaCroix read the resolution to the public record.

Public Comment:
Anonymous male speaker: had known Mr. Francis for two and a half years and spoke about how the pastor had always showed him great respect, as well as acted like a second father to him.
Anonymous female speaker: thanked chair LaCroix for honoring Mr. Francis. She commented that Mr. Francis was always a second father, who lived to serve the people and the city (speaker was about to break out in tears).

Commissioner LaCroix , seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to adopt the resolution to honor the life and work of John David Francis. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

6. Staff Report (Informational Item)

Mario Yedidia commented that he hired a new Coordinator of Youth Development. Her name is Phimy Truong. Yedidia thanked the commissioners for their hard work this year.

7. Announcements

Commissioner Chan & Peter Lauterborn announced that there will be a focus group at the Department of Children, Youth and their Families meeting on MUNI data at 5p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2010.

Lin Dang, new field representative from the office of Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, thanked the Youth Commission for its work.

Pat Scott invited commissioners to the 4:00pm hearing tomorrow at the Board of Supervisors regarding the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center's plan to rebuild its space and, in the process, construct 24 new units of supporting housing for Transitional Age Youth emancipating out of the foster care system.

8. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 5:57pm in memory and honor of John David Francis.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

4. **Youth Commission Business – Housing for Transitional Age Youth (Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. **Hearing to consider the status of the City's housing plan for Transitional Age Youth**
   Presenters: Rachel Antrobus, Transitional Age Youth Initiative—San Francisco; Anne Romero, Mayor's Office of Housing
   Documents A, B

   B. **Public Comment**

   C. **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to prioritize providing more affordable housing for transitionally aged youth, particularly their support of the goal set forth by the Mayor's Office of Housing of building 400 new units of low-income housing for this population of by the year 2015. (2nd Reading)**
   Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Benezra
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5. **Announcements**

6. **Adjournment**

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1. Call to Order

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.
Commissioners present: Zuckerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Joyce, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Fierro, Hirano, Beaulac, Nauer, Benezra, Herzstein, Kaminsky, Chan, Lin.
Commissioners absent: Yang.
Staff present: Yedidia, Covington (intern), Ruan (intern).

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by commissioner Kaminsky, moved to approve the meeting's agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There was none.

4. Youth Commission Business – Housing for Transitional Age Youth (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Hearing to consider the status of the City's housing plan for Transitional Age Youth
Presenters: Rachel Antrobus, Transitional Age Youth Initiative—San Francisco; Anne Romero, Mayor's Office of Housing
Documents A, B

Rachel Antrobus provided the Commission and the assembled members of the public with a PowerPoint presentation that provided some context for the City's housing plan for Transitional Age Youth. She described the Youth Commission's advocacy, in the mid 2000s, regarding the unmet needs of disconnected Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)—that is, 16-24 year olds who have been or are currently involved in public systems like foster care, public housing or mental health. This advocacy resulted in a Task Force convened by then Mayor Gavin Newsom, which produced 16 comprehensive recommendations to change the practices of City departments and community social service providers—changes which would improve the lives of these 5,000-8,000 young people. One of these recommendations concerned the severe lack of supportive housing for this population.

Then, Anne Romero, staff person at the Mayor's Office of Housing, provided the Youth Commission with more detailed information regarding the City's TAY Housing Plan. In 2008, after the Transitional Youth Task Force released its report, the Mayor's Office of Housing responded by setting a goal of providing 400 new units of TAY housing by 2013; this was later pushed back two years to 2015.

Ms. Romero went on to explain that in 2009, the Mayor's Office released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which would ultimately result in the City providing a few million dollars to agencies who proposed to build supportive TAY housing. The competitive application process to award this NOFA money favored projects in relatively safe neighborhoods; the NOFA process involved looking at crime data and other statistics regarding neighborhood safety. Currently, the Mayor's Office of Housing is in the process of awarding funding to 3 projects under the TAY NOFA process: Edward II (at Scott and Lombard streets); Booker T Washington (at Presidio and Sutter streets); and the Aiardi residence. Other TAY projects that are in predevelopment include Phelan Loop and 6600 Third St. Ms. Romero explained that a total of 168 units (the goal being 400 by 2015) were currently in predevelopment. Ms. Romero concluded by noting that San Francisco is one of the only cities that has committed to identifying and providing targeted funding for supportive TAY housing.

Commissioners Benezra, Chan, and LaCroix asked clarifying questions of Ms. Antrobus and Ms. Romero.

B. Public Comment

The following people spoke in support of the City's TAY Housing plan:

Marquita Jones: an emancipated former foster youth, said that when you're a young person in foster care, you're starting very far down in the world; she loves Larkin Street Youth Services, and supports building more supportive TAY units;

Michael O'Brian: he loves Larkin Street Youth Services, and spoke in support of building more supportive TAY units.

Konstantin Chuykov: he was at risk of being homeless, things are better now, he loves Larkin, waited 5 months for transitional housing from emergency housing units. He spoke in support of building more supportive TAY units.

John Chatman: argued that if the City built more housing, a lot of kids will be out of trouble; spoke in support of building more supportive TAY units.

Dominique Dismute: found housing through the Castro Youth Housing Initiative after being homeless and in shelters in San Francisco; she came to the city after being kicked out of her house and abused after her mother found out she was gay.

Dean Bonilla: found housing through the Castro Youth Housing Initiative.

Robin Bonner: an active young person in the Youth Works program, at the Exploratorium, and through various initiatives at the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, spoke in support of building more supportive TAY units;

Gail Gilman: Executive Director of Community Housing Partnership (CHP), one of San Francisco's most prominent providers of permanent supportive housing (the organization manages some 800 units); she spoke as a proud sponsor of the Edward II project.

Janae Robinson: a CHP employee, spoke in support of building more supportive TAY units

Joe Mathis: supports Citywide policy prioritizing housing for TAY.

Sherilyn Adams: Executive Director of Larkin Street Youth Services, spoke of her work on the Transitional Youth Task Force and the long Larkin waiting list for supportive housing—the demand for TAY supportive housing far outweighs the supply

Kathy Andersen: works with the Coalition on Homelessness, suggested that the Youth Commission's resolution (item 4C on the evening's meeting agenda), include a call for community oversight of the TAY housing process

Pat Scott: Executive Director of the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, invited everyone to the Board of Supervisors' hearing regarding that organization's attempt to rebuild its community center and in the process construct 24 new units of supportive housing for TAY, set for tomorrow, Tuesday, June 21 at 4:00pm.

James Tracy: a community organizer and CHP employee, urged the Youth Commission to be vigilant, commenting that in the meetings to come regarding the pending you will hear lots of people trying to be reasonable—don't listen!

Tobi Eastman: Chief of Programs at Larkin Street Youth Services, spoke to the details and diversity of the kind of programming known by the shorthand of "supportive housing"; Ms. Eastman and how housing is referred to youth (and which youth get it referred to them)

C. **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to prioritize providing more affordable housing for transitionally aged youth, particularly their support of the goal set forth by the Mayor's Office of Housing of building 400 new units of low-income housing for this population by the year 2015. (2nd Reading)**
Presenter and sponsor: Commissioner Benezra
Document C

By way of introduction, commissioner Benezra stated that the discussion that lead to the resolution currently before the Youth Commission (i.e., the resolution of which she way the author), came out of the work the Youth Commission was doing in support of TAY youth some 5 years ago. Commissioner Benezra then read the resolution into the public record.

Commissioner LaCroix asked to be added as a cosponsor.

Commissioner Kaminsky, seconded by Marshall-Fricker moved to adopt this resolution. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

5. Announcements

Commissioner LaCroix announced that some members of the Youth Commission would attend the hearing on June 21, 2011 at the Board of Supervisors Legislative Chamber (room 250 of City Hall), to speak in support of TAY housing.

6. Adjournment

Chair LaCroix adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
3. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda**
4. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)**

   A. **Business and Tax Regulations Code - 0.50% Sales Tax Increase to Fund Public Safety Programs and Services to Children and Seniors (Mayor; Chiu, Cohen, Mirkarimi and Wiener)**
   Presenters: Staff, Mayor's Budget Office
   See Document A

5. **Announcements (This includes Community Events)**
6. **Adjournment**

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes
Special Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2011
5:15-7:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
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1. Call to Order

Youth Commission Vice Chair Liang called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Liang then ceded the floor to former Youth Commission Chair Leah LaCroix, who went on to explain why Vice Chair Liang was chairing the meeting. LaCroix explained that the terms of the Youth Commission's six Mayoral appointees for the 2011-2011 year had ended on June 30, 2011 (the last day of the fiscal year), and thus LaCroix was technically no longer a commissioner and would not be chairing—or even voting—during this evening's meeting. LaCroix made clear, however, that with the Commission's permission, she was committed to participating and offering input into the night's proceedings.

There was a roll call. Commissioners present: Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Liang
Commissioners absent: Fierro, Nauer.
Staff present: Yedidia, Truong, Covington (intern).

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
Commissioner Hirano, seconded by commissioner Yang, moved to approve the evening's agenda. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda
There was none.

4. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)

A. Business and Tax Regulations Code - 0.50% Sales Tax Increase to Fund Public Safety Programs and Services to Children and Seniors (Mayor; Chiu, Cohen, Mirkarimi and Wiener)
Presenters: Jonathan Lyens, Aid , Mayor's Budget Office
See Document A

Acting Chair Liang offered some introductory remarks regarding this proposed ordinance, a dedicated sales tax that the Mayor wishes to submit to the voters for the November, 2011 election. Then, she welcomed Jonathan Lyens, a Public Policy and Finance Assistant in the Mayor's Budget Office.

Mr. Lyens then provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, going through a powerpoint presentation which was instructively titled the "Mayor's State Sales Tax Reduction Mitigation Proposal." The proposed ordinance would increase the local sales tax by .50%, raising approximately $60 million a year; the revenue raised by the tax would go to a dedicated fund, which

be budgeted towards—as the ordinance's title suggests—both public safety departments and services for youth and children. Mr Lyens made frequent reference to California's persistent state budget shortfall, arguing that San Francisco has increasingly been receiving less revenue from Sacramento for social services (a trend which is projected to continue), while at the same time the state government has been expecting that counties like San Francisco to provide services that the state has historically funded. Mr. Lyens also explained that the state's temporary 1% sales tax increase—which had put the total state sales tax at 9.5% for the past 2 years—had expired just two weeks earlier (at the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year). The proposed ordinance before the Youth Commission would allow the City to locally restore collection of 0.50% of that increased sales tax in order to pay for City services.

Commissioners Zukerman, Yang and LaCroix asked clarifying questions of Mr. Lyens.

Commissioner Hirano moved to support this legislation, seconded by commissioner Yang. There was vigorous debate of this motion, with commissioner Marshall-Fricker dissenting against the motion.

This motion failed by the following 8-1 roll call vote: Ayes (8) – Zukerman, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang, Liang. No's (1) – Marshall-Fricker.

There were attempts to reopen debate on this issue and general confusion regarding rules of order. Youth Commission Staff Yedidia requested that Youth Commissioners call a recess, such that there could be more clarity regarding the Commission's rules of order. Commissioner Hirano motioned for a recess, seconded by commissioner Liang. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation. Acting Chair Liang began the recess at 6:24 p.m.

Vice Chair Liang closed recess and reopened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Staff Yedidia, with Rosenberg's Parliamentary Rules of Order in hand, walked commissioners through "The Motion to Reconsider." Yedidia underscored the importance of Youth Commissioners' respecting *the finality of motions.*

Commissioners Zukerman and Marshall-Fricker continued to call for a reconsideration of the matter. There was persistent confusion.

Amidst this confusion, commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved for a recess, seconded by commissioner Yang. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation. Acting Chair Liang began the recess at 6:44pm.

Vice Chair Liang closed recess and reopened the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved for the Youth Commission to reconsider item 4A. The motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes (9)-Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang.

After some brief discussion, Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to support the intent of the proposed ordinance—namely, to support sending the ordinance before to the voters of San Francisco. This motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes (9)-Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, Sun, Hewitt, Perez, Hirano, Beaulac, Yang.

Commissioners Yang, Zukerman, Marshall-Fricker and Acting Chair Liang offered to come into the Youth Commission office later in the week to work on craftlng the memorandum summarizing the

evening's conversation, which would serve as the Youth Commission's official response to this piece referred by the Board of Supervisors.

5. Announcements (This includes Community Events)

Staff Yedidia announced that the San Francisco nonprofit spoken word and literacy organization Youth Speaks, with which the Youth Commission had partnered on a forum regarding youth violence earlier in the 2010-2011 year, would be having its International Youth Poetry Slam Brave New Voices on July 23, 2011. He encouraged all commissioners to check their emails for more information on this event.

Commissioner Yang shared that was working on putting together a youth summit on issues affecting immigrant youth and that all commissioners interested in these issues should contact her.

6. Adjournment

Vice Chair Liang adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

   A. June 20, 2011 (Document A)
   B. June 20, 2011—Special (Document B)
   C. July 11, 2011—Special (Document C)

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

6. **Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Bay Area Urban Debate League presentation and request for collaboration (Document D)
   Presenters: Bay Area Urban Debate League staff

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Bylaws (Document E)
   Prepared and Presented by: Youth Commission Staff
   Recommendation to Youth Commission: Approval

   B. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Officer Elections

   C. [First Reading] Resolution 1112—AL 01—Free Youth Transportation (Document F)
   Sponsors and Presenters: Commissioners LaCroix, Yang, Liang

   D. [First Reading] Resolution 1112—AL—01—Sponsoring an Immigrant Youth Summit
   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Yang (Document G)

   E. Motion to cosponsor Youth Vote and Junior Statesmen of America "Youth-Led Mayoral Candidate Forum" (Document H)
   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Chan

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Acting Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

The roll was called. All Commissioners were present: Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang, Zukerman.

Staff present: Yedidia, Truong.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Yang moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Marshall-Fricker. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Documents A, B, C

There was no public comment on any of these items.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Commissioner Baer, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of June 20, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Liang, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to approve the minutes to the Special Meeting of June 20, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Commissioner Baer, moved to approve the minutes to the Special Meeting of July 11, 2011. This motion was approved by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There was none.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bay Area Urban Debate League presentation and request for collaboration (Document D)
Presenters: Perry Green, Program Director, Bay Area Urban Debate League, and Bay Area Urban Debate League participant Alan Santos.

Mr. Green and Mr. Santos led the Youth Commission through a history of the the Bay Area Urban Debate League (BAUDL), an overview of its current programming and an explanation of BAUDL's desire to collaborate with the Youth Commission. BAUDL was started in 2008 with the goal of engaging at risk young people in "policy debate," a fast-paced and innovative competitive debating format, with the goal of discussing topical issues in a way that is accessible and encourages them to acquire other intellectual and social skills to excel in school and the professional world. Mr. Santos and Mr. Green stressed that whereas sports are not an extracurricular activity for everyone, debate can be a perhaps somewhat more universal activity that can keep young people intellectually active and productive, as well as thinking critically about key issues in their communities. In the last few years, BAUDL has been forming partnerships with some schools in San Francisco to expand the organization's reach and impact.

Mr. Santos shared his personal experiences of being a student in an SFUSD continuation high school after dropping out of a comprehensive high school; he said he lacked the motivation to excel in school, and occasionally and fitfully focused his attention to sports. Then, however, Mr. Santos joined BAUDL and found himself growing increasingly extremely passionate about policy debate. Over time, he became more engaged in his classes, and ultimately graduated from high school; he's currently an undergraduate student at a state university in Northern California.

Commissioners Ontiveros, Carrion, Tu Mutch, and Shackelford asked clarifying questions. As she had requested to bring this item forward, Commissioner Bonner added her thoughts regarding how BAUDL has positively impacted her life; she, too, attended the same continuation high school as Mr. Santos, and had a similar experience with the institution.

Commissioner Ontiveros asked clarifying questions on how the Youth Commission can follow up with

the BAUDL after the meeting.

Commissioner Yang suggested that BAUDL also present to the Student Advisory Council (SAC), given that one of BAUDL's goals is to work more closely with the school district of San Francisco.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Yang, seconded by Commissioner Bonner, moved to support the Youth Commission's collaboration with the BAUDL.

Commissioner Ontiveros said he was supportive of the motion indicating the Youth Commission's willingness to collaborate with BAUDL, but that he thought it might be useful to be a bit more specific in the motion. He said it might be useful for the Youth Commission, perhaps, to specify how it was going to collaborate with BAUDL (for example, by developing a plan to implement debate teams throughout the high schools in San Francisco)—and that it would be a good idea to officially suggest that this collaboration be hashed out in the joint committee of SAC members and Youth Commissioners, and that the Youth Commission officially state its desire to help collaborate with BAUDL on their October 18 event.

After discussion, Commissioner Ontiveros moved to amend the basic motion with the 2 specifics (collaboration with the SAC/YC joint standing committee and collaboration on the October 18 event), seconded by Commissioner Baer. This motion carried with 17 ayes.

Acting Chair LaCroix then called the basic motion to support the BAUDL. This motion carried with 17 ayes.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

Acting Chair LaCroix explained to the Commission that, for the sake of expediency, she would call items 7A-E out of order, and being with items C,D,E, after which she would move on to and to A and B.

C. [First Reading] Resolution 1112—AL 01—Free Youth Transportation (Document F)
Sponsors and Presenters: Commissioners LaCroix, Yang, Liang

Commissioner Liang took up the duties of chairing this item, given the fact that Acting Chair LaCroix, along with commissioner Yang, were the main sponsors of this resolution.

Commissioner LaCroix and Commissioner Yang then provided background and context to their colleagues on the Youth Commission's recent involvement in the issue of the cost of MUNI for youth.

They began by describing the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass – a discounted monthly MUNI fast pass for low income public school students that the Youth Commission initially proposed as a policy option given the rising costs of the Youth Fast Pass in February of 2010. Commissioner Yang noted that over the past months, a collaborative working group of members of the Board of Supervisors, community based organizations, and MUNI staff have been discussing how to build on the work of the Youth Lifeline and make MUNI free for all young people.

Director Yedidia and Acting Chair Liang then explained what a "first reading," is to the commissioners—namely, a moment where a resolution is formally introduced to the entire body for an initial overview and discussion. As per the Youth Commission's historical practice (and the proposed bylaws for FY 2011-2012), the Youth Commission usually takes action on resolutions only during their second reading.

Commissioners LaCroix and Yang then read the resolution into the public record.

Then, commissioners asked clarifying questions and expressed wide-ranging concerns regarding the prospect of making MUNI free for youth—on the whole, Commissioners indicated general support for the resolution and the concept of making MUNI free for young people, and their questions and concerns included defining the age range of "youth" as defined by this resolution, the potential funding sources of such a program, and the potential impacts of such a program on the entire MUNI system.

There was public comment on this item. Christine Revelo-Lee, a former Youth Commissioner and current student at San Francisco State University, said that that the Youth Commission had historically (during her tenure in the mid-2000s) expressed concern for transitional aged young people's (TAY) access to public transportation access and she urged the Youth Commission to not forget TAY in this debate.

Commissioners LaCroix and Yang noted everyone's concerns and expressed a commitment to bring back more information to the full Commission at this resolution's second reading. Both commissioners invite everyone who is interested in this resolution to join the working group, as well as the Youth City Services: Transportation, Housing, & Recreation committee to discuss further options.

D. [First Reading] Resolution 1112—AL—01—Sponsoring an Immigrant Youth Summit
Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Yang (Document G)

Commissioner Yang provided some brief background information, explaining that she had spent the past few months in the initial stages of planning an Immigrant Youth Summit for high school students. Commissioner Yang explained that the impetus of the summit grew out of the fact that she is both a Youth Commissioner returning for her second year on the Commission and that she had a summer

fellowship through the City & County's Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs/Immigrant Rights Commission. The Immigrant Youth Summit she is envisioning would bring together around three hundred largely immigrant public high school students both to learn about the resources that the City & County (and the nonprofit community) have to offer and the Youth Commission's and to share their experiences and stories—thereby helping to fulfill the Youth Commission's Charter mandate to "identify the unmet needs of San Francisco's children and youth."

Commissioner Yang then read the resolution, which expresses the Youth Commission's formal support for the Immigrant Youth Summit (tentatively planned for Friday, October 28, 2011), into the public record.

In turn, Commissioner Yang invited her colleagues and the public to join the Commission's Youth Immigration Committee, which is spearheading the planning for the event; she noted that Commissioner Ontiveros has already been taking part in these meetings.

Commissioners Zukerman and Bonner both offered to help support the planning of the Immigrant Youth Summit.

There was no public comment.

E. Motion to cosponsor Youth Vote and Junior Statesmen of America "Youth-Led Mayoral Candidate Forum" (Document H)
Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Chan

Commissioner Chan explained that, between the calendaring of this item last week and the meeting itself, the Commission's City Attorney had advised the Youth Commission not to officially endorse the Mayoral Candidate Forum, given that, despite its nonpartisan, non-electioneering character, the event could be seen as related to campaign work. Director Yedidia stepped in to clarify the role of the City Attorney, and stated that it is illegal for the Youth Commission can not endorse any political candidate, as the work of the Commission (and, indeed, any work produced on City property or with City resources) must be void of political character. He reiterated Commissioner Chan's point that the commission is advised not to officially cosponsor of the forum; however, each commissioner is free to participate on their own individual time and not in their capacity as Commissioners in the forum.

Commissioner Chan then announced that—on her own individual time, and not as a Youth Commissioner—she has been working to organize a "Youth-Led Mayoral Candidate Forum," which will provide young people in high school or younger two hours to ask questions of the current candidates for San Francisco Mayor; the event was set to take place on Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 4:30-6:30pm at Mission High School, and was being spearheaded by Peter Lauterborn, the Youth Vote

Coordinator at the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families.

Commissioner Ontiveros asked Director Yedidia to do some research on the Youth Commission's past sponsorship of a District Attorney candidate forum in 2000.

Acting Chair LaCroix called a recess at 8:49PM.

Acting Chair LaCroix called the meeting back to order at 8:56PM.

A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Bylaws (Document E)
Prepared and Presented by: Youth Commission Staff
Recommendation to Youth Commission: Approval

Acting Chair LaCroix laid out a clear format for addressing the bylaws, given that the document is large and could be difficult to discuss without a clear plan—namely, there would be a staff presentation on the document as a whole and Commissioner discussion of the document as a whole; then, there would be discussion, section by section; and, finally, she would entertain a motion on the document as a whole.

Director Yedidia walked Commissioners through the bylaws, explaining the salient points of each section. He recommended a thoughtful discussion and, ultimately, approval of the document, arguing that the proposed bylaws lay out strong systems and processes that are critical to the productive functioning of the Youth Commission.

After some discussion, various Commissioners raised the fact that the meeting had gone over its planned 9:00pm end time, and Commissioners and staff were receiving phone calls from parents and other family members inquiring about when the meeting would end. Commissioner Liang raised the possibility of tabling this and subsequent items. Commissioners Bonner and Ontiveros counseled against this, given that the next meeting is not until September 19, and the Commission needs bylaws and officers in order to effectively operate.

Commissioner Tu Mutch went over Section VII of the bylaws Commission Core Values, a section she helped to craft and wished to add to the bylaws.

Director Yedidia also went over Section VIII, B, an addition to the bylaws which articulates the Commission's Staff Mission, Vision and Accountability.

Acting Chair LaCroix asked the commission to approve by acclamation each section of the bylaws separately, and then approve the bylaws as a whole at the very end.

Section I was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section II was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section III was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section IV was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section V was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section VI was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section VII was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section VIII was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Section VIIIIX was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Commissioner Zukerman, seconded by Shackelford moved to approve the 2011-2012 Youth Commission bylaws. The motion was approved, with 16 ayes (Commissioner Marshall-Fricker had departed).

B. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Officer Elections

Acting Chair LaCroix asked Youth Commission Director Yedidia to facilitate 2011-2012 Youth Commission Officer Elections.

Director Yedidia read through Section V—Executive Committee Officer Positions of the recently adopted 2011-2012 Commission Bylaws, which outlines the specific responsibilities and required duties of each position in the Executive Committee. Yedidia also laid out the format for the officer elections: each commissioner would have 60 seconds to speak before the voting process, and elections for the Executive Officer positions would occur in the following order: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Legislative Affairs Officer, Community Outreach Officer, and Media and Public Relations Officer.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Bonner moved to add a 30 second question and answer section after each commissioner's initial speech. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

Nominations for Chair: Commissioner Ontiveros nominated commissioner LaCroix, Commissioner Baer nominated Commissioner Zukerman, Commissioner Armstrong nominated Commissioner Yang.

Commissioner LaCroix was elected Chair by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner LaCroix (10 votes—Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Chan, LaCroix, Liang, Ontiveros, Shackelford, Sun); Commissioner Zukerman (4 votes—Carrion, Holloway, Persky, Zukerman); Commissioner Yang (2 votes--Tu Mutch, Yang).

Nominations for Vice Chairperson: Commissioner Zukerman nominated Commissioner Carrion, Commissioner Chan nominated Commissioner Yang, Commissioner LaCroix nominated Commissioner Bonner.

Commissioner Yang was elected Vice Chair by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Yang (9 votes—Armstrong, Baer, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Tu Mutch, Persky, Shackelford, Yang); Commissioner Bonner (5 votes—Bonner, LaCroix, Liang, Ontiveros, Sun); Commissioner Carrion (1 vote—Zukerman). (Commissioner Holloway had departed.)

Nominations for Legislative Affairs Officer: Commissioner Yang nominated Commissioner Bonner, Commissioner Liang nominated herself.

No nominee was able to garner the 9 votes needed to be elected Legislative Affairs Officer by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Liang (7 votes—Armstrong, Baer, Brodwin, Chan, LaCroix, Liang, Tu Mutch) Commissioner Bonner (6 votes—Bonner, Carrion, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Zukerman). (Commissioner Sun had departed.)

There was a second vote on the Legislative Affairs Officer position and, again, no nominee was able to garner the 9 votes needed, based on the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Liang (8 votes—Armstrong, Baer, Brodwin, Chan, LaCroix, Liang, Tu Mutch, Shackelford); Commissioner Bonner (6 votes—Bonner, Carrion, Ontiveros, Persky, Yang, Zukerman).

It being very late, and commissioners' parents and families and loved ones being anxious to see them home on a school and work night, Commissioner Baer, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn passed with 10 ayes (Armstrong, Baer, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Liang, Persky, Shackelford, Yang, Zukerman) and 4 nays (Bonner, LaCroix,

Tu Mutch Ontiveros).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51PM.

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Agenda

Monday, September 19, 2011

5:15-8:00pm

City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.

The roll was called and there was quorum. Commissioners present: Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang.

Commissioners absent: Chan, Zukerman.

Staff present: Yedidia, Truong.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Yang moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Sun. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. Wednesday, August 31, 2011 – Special Inaugural Meeting (Document A)

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Tu Mutch, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of August 31, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There was none

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission 2011-2012 Officer Elections: Legislative Affairs Officer, Community Outreach Officer, Media and Public Relations Officer (Document C)

Chair LaCroix called item 7A out of order because the presenters for the America's Cup had not yet arrived to the meeting.

Staff member Mario Yedidia provided the context of each officer position, reading aloud and paraphrasing passages from Section V of the Commission's Bylaws.

Chair LaCroix explained to the Commission the importance of having an Executive Committee that is robust and highly-functioning. Due to the significant length of the last full Youth Commission meeting of August 31, 2011, which went late into the night, the Commission adjourned before completing all of its business. Chair LaCroix reminded her colleagues that only two of the five officers provided for in the bylaws had yet been elected—namely, Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair LaCroix then asked Youth Commission Director Mario Yedidia to facilitate the 2011-2012 Officer Elections for the remaining positions: Legislative Affairs Officer, Community Outreach Officer, and Media and Public Relations Officer. Yedidia laid out the structure for the officer elections, as per Section V of the bylaws: the Commission would take nominations, nominated Commissioners will have 60 seconds to speak, followed by a time for questions.

Nominations for Legislative Affairs Officer: Commissioner Shackelford nominated Commissioner Bonner.

Commissioner Bonner was elected Legislative Affairs Officer by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Bonner (15 votes—Yang, Sun, Shackelford, Persky, Ontiveros, Tu Mutch, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, LaCroix, Holloway, Carrion, Brodwin, Bonner, Baer, Armstrong).

Nominations for Community Outreach Officer: Commissioner Yang nominated Commissioner Armstrong. Commissioner Bonner nominated Commissioner Holloway. Commissioner Tu Mutch nominated Commissioner Shackelford. Commissioner Baer nominated Commissioner Brodwin.

However, all commissioners nominated politely declined the nomination for the Community Outreach position.

At this point, the presenters for item 6A arrived to the meeting and Chair LaCroix decided to table item 7A and return to it after the entirety of item 6A.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. The America's Cup in San Francisco Bay: An Overview Presentation
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Chair LaCroix welcomed the presenters to the Youth Commission meeting and laid out the format for hearing the presentation.

Mr. Van de Water gave a brief introduction and some history on the America's Cup, its presence in the San Francisco for the regatta set to take place in 2013 and a quick overview of the 11 implementation plans that the City and the America's Cup Event Authority (ACEA) are required to develop as per the Host City Agreement (HCA) ratified in December by the City. One of these implementation plans is called the Youth Involvement Plan. Mr. Van de Water explained that he and his colleagues at the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) and the (ACEA) will, over the course of the next 6 weeks, be seeking feedback, collaboration, and approval from the Youth Commission on the Youth Involvement Plan. The guiding principles in the planning the America's Cup include resource efficiency, environmental sustainability, strategic adaptability, public safety, and most importantly a positive legacy. Of the 11 different implementation plans, HCA Section 10.13 calls for the America's Cup Event Authority (ACEA) with the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF) to create a Youth Involvement Plan.

Ms. Ungerleider added that she and her team are specifically looking for the Youth Commission to educate this team on the needs of youth in San Francisco, and to give feedback while they draft the Youth Involvement Plan and looks forward to working with the Youth Commission.

Commissioners Bonner, Ontiveros, and Tu Mutch asked questions on the specifics of the America's Cup Event Authority's (ACEA) efforts in linking youth internships to this event.

Ms. Ungerleider replied that the ACEA have been working with the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF), other youth employment programs such as the Mayor's Youth Employment and Education Program (MYEEP), as well as the Youth Commission's Youth Employment Committee, and the Mayor's Office to get further feedback and information on how to shape their employment programs in a manner that is beneficial, inclusive, and accessible to all young people—including not only high schoolers, but also Transitionally Aged Youth (TAY), youth with disabilities and immigrant youth. Ms. Ungerleider stressed that the ACEA and OEWD team are currently in the initial phases of drafting a plan and that when she and Adam return to the Youth Commission in October, they will be able to present a more detailed outline and timeline to the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Tu Mutch suggested that the ACEA look into providing livable wages to the young people who will be in its employ—whether that high standard of wages be achieved through a stipend or hourly wage.

Commissioner Holloway asked clarifying questions on outreach.

Mr. Van de Water acknowledged that a major goal of all the implementation plans is also to look into leveraging existing resources in SF. The ACEA has been talking to DCYF and various community programs and organizations, as well as the school district and City departments, to ensure that there will be enough outreach to reach all young people in SF. Mr. Van de Water added that they have been working hard on making this event transit friendly.

Chair LaCroix thanked the presenters for their time and asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Van de Water reiterated that this is just an introductory overview of the America's Cup and he and Ms. Ungerleider will be back to continue to present and work with the Youth Commission on the following dates: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at the Youth Commission Youth Employment Committee and at the full Youth Commission meetings of October 17, November 7, and November 21, 2011.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B.[Second Reading] Resolution 1112—AL 01—Free Youth Transportation (Document D) Sponsors and Presenters: Commissioners LaCroix, Yang, Liang

Chair LaCroix informed her colleagues that commissioner Shackelford will be chairing this item as Chair LaCroix, and Vice Chair Yang were the main sponsors of this resolution.

Commissioner Ontiveros requested that the co sponsors read the resolution out into the public record again, as there were members of the public at the meeting.

Commissioners Yang and LaCroix then read the resolution into the public record.

Commissioners Yang and LaCroix then provided more background and context of the resolution to their fellow commissioners on the Youth's Commission's involvement in the issue of the cost of MUNI for youth. They described the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass—a discounted monthly MUNI fast pass for low income public school students that the Youth Commission initially proposed as a policy option in February 2010. Vice Chair Yang noted the collaborative efforts of a working group that includes members of the Board of Supervisors, community based organizations, school district representatives, and MUNI staff; this working group met for months to try to further the goals of accessibility for youth embedded in the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass program, and the prospect of making MUNI free for young people grew out of these conversations.

Yang went on to remind her colleagues that the San Francisco Unified School District plans on cutting school buses for public schools by more than 50% in each of the next three years. Yang stressed that under this scenario more and more young people will be relying on public transportation to get to and from school. Chair LaCroix reminded her colleagues that the role of the Youth Commission is to represent and voice the unmet needs of young people in San Francisco, and the responsibility of each Commissioner is to think about how free MUNI would affect the young people in their communities. LaCroix also shared that members of the Board of Supervisors will also be introducing their own resolution on free MUNI for youth, and that the Youth Commission will have

more opportunities to critique and give feedback on the specifics of what free MUNI would look like.

Acting Chair Shackelford thanked LaCroix and Yang for their presentation of the resolution. Shackelford stated that this is the time for her commissioners to ask clarifying, technical questions and stressed that there will be time for more specific, policy based questions later.

There were no questions from commissioners.

Public Comment:

Juana Teresa Tello, an organizer with the community organization POWER (People Organized to Win Employment Rights), resident of Bayview, and lifelong MUNI rider, spoke on behalf of the transit-dependent families and community members she has been working with to make MUNI free. She expressed that MUNI should be a high quality public service that aides in the transportation of low-income working families. Ms. Tello asked for the support and collaboration of the Youth Commission on this resolution and thanked Commissioners Yang and LaCroix for bringing it forward.

Ryan Watt a 19 year old City College of San Francisco student and member of POWER was next to speak. Mr. Watt shared his experiences as a student riding MUNI. It has been difficult for him to commute to school on a regular basis while also trying to find a way to provide for himself. Mr. Watt expressed that this should not have to be a choice for young people. He stated that it is stressful for young people and young people of color in particular to interact with police on MUNI who ask for proof-of-payment (POP), and that free access to MUNI would open the City's doors to its young people, and would help connect young people in communities around the city to the many resources the city has.

Kate Faria, an organizer at POWER, spoke about her work with students and working class families. She shared with Commissioners that there has been a lot of support for the concept of free MUNI from members of the Board of Supervisors, Coleman Advocates for Youth, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, as well as other community-based organizations. She urged the Youth Commission to support the resolution.

Blanca Estela Rosales (with Juana Teresa Tello translating), a member of POWER and a single mother, then spoke. She has experienced negativity from transit officers towards her 12 year old son, and the fear of her son struggling to ride the bus due to financial hardships. She sees MUNI's recent fare increases as an unjust. She is a resident of a low income neighborhood, a single mother of two children, and can barely afford to pay rent, and she believes it is an injustice for children to not having the means to pay the high fines or not having enough money to ride the bus. She urged the support of the Youth Commission for this resolution.

Yeashan Banks, a member of POWER, was the next speaker. Ms. Banks urged the Youth Commissioners to remember their role as representing all youth whose day to day routines will be impacted by this resolution. She asked the commissioners to not focus too much on how much this is going to cost the city, but to think about the youth, how they can access San Francisco and what this investment by the city can do for youth.

Jaron Browne, an organizer at POWER, spoke next. Browne talked about the collaboration with the working group and passed out fact sheets and more information on making MUNI free for youth. Browne urged commissioners to not just vote to pass this resolution, but also to continue to work on this issue after the meeting. Browne shared that there are funds for this program, it is a question of political will and there is a sense of urgency to this issue now. Browne stated that if Youth Commissioners think that the voices of young people and families are a priority, then passing this resolution is the first step in the right direction.

Then, Commissioners asked clarifying questions and expressed concerns with making MUNI free for all young people—overall, commissioners support the idea of free MUNI for youth, but debated on the specifics of funding for this program, defining the age range of youth to include transitional age youth in the resolution, and discussed the importance for commissioners to recognize their role as policy advisors, representing the unmet needs of all youth in San Francisco.

At this point, Acting Chair Shackelford pointed out that the aides of Supervisor Campos and Supervisor Avalos had arrived and that she would like to give them the opportunity to speak to the Commission.

Sheila Chung-Hagen, legislative aide to Supervisor Campos, addressed the Commission, and said that the collaboration of all the different organizations, staff, community members, the school district, and different government agencies, has given the working group a chance to look at different funding streams and that the plan for this pilot program will give the working group more time to find long term funding sources. Ms. Chung-Hagen emphasized the importance of having the Youth Commission's support on this resolution, as affordable public transportation is a great unmet need of young people in San Francisco.

Erica Maybaum, legislative aide to Supervisor Avalos, urged the Youth Commission to join the working group to continue their discussion. Ms. Maybaum strongly urged the Youth Commission to support the resolution.

Commissioners Tu Mutch, Sun, Bonner, Armstrong, and Baer expressed their strong support of this resolution and urged their colleagues to consider the positive impact of free MUNI for youth, and think about how this will bridge the gap between all young people of San Francisco by providing free public transit to all. They acknowledged that this discussion will continue and they will make sure that their participation in this issue will keep going.

Commissioner Ontiveros expressed his support for the resolution and suggested that his colleagues do the same regardless of their individual concerns about its budget impact. Ontiveros asked if a motion to amend could be added. Staff Yedidia clarified that the motion to amend could be added.

At this point, Sheila Chung-Hagen acknowledged that the Youth Commission could add an amendment to the resolution to support transitional age youth and bring the discussion to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Ontiveros asked clarifying questions on how to add an amendment to the resolution. Ontiveros said he was supportive of the motion to support this resolution, but he would like to also urge other City agencies and Supervisors to consider transitional age youth and how they can qualify for free MUNI.

Chair LaCroix moved to support the basic motion to support this resolution, seconded by Marshall-Fricker.

After discussion, Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Commissioner Bonner, moved to amend the basic motion by moving to add a resolved clause to the resolution that would have the Youth Commission urge the Board of Supervisors to consider transitional age youth,. This motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Yang, Sun, Shackelford, Persky, Ontiveros, Tu Mutch, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, LaCroix, Holloway, Carrion, Brodwin, Bonner, Baer, Armstrong.

This motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: Ayes—Yang, Sun, Shackelford, Persky, Ontiveros, Tu Mutch, Marshall-Fricker, Liang, LaCroix, Holloway, Carrion, Brodwin, Bonner, Baer, Armstrong.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Ontiveros asked Chair LaCroix to move item 11 up, as there was a member of the public here to speak about an important community event.

Chair LaCroix called commissioners attention to Community Events.

Public Comment

Carlos Martinez, a student at City College of San Francisco, urged commissioners to attend a City College Board meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6:30PM at 33 Gough st. Mr. Martinez shared that there will be a discussion on whether or not to support internship programs for immigrant students. Martinez expressed that this is an important service to immigrant youth, and asked for the support of Youth Commissioners.

Commissioner Ontiveros added more context to the issue that is being debated at the September 22, 2011 meeting. This would be a discussion on a stipend internship program that would benefit not only any young people who would qualify, but also immigrant young people who do not have a lot of opportunities elsewhere.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission 2011-2012 Officer Elections: Legislative Affairs Officer, Community Outreach Officer, Media and Public Relations Officer (Document C)

Chair LaCroix then took up once more Item 7A.

Staff Yedidia stressed the importance of having a complete Executive Committee and lead commissioners back through the duties of the remaining officer positions: Community Outreach Officer and Media and Public Relations Officer.

Nominations for Media and Public Relations Officer: Chair LaCroix nominated commissioner Tu Mutch.

Commissioner Tu Mutch was elected Media and Public Relations Officer by the following unanimous roll call vote: Commissioner Tu Mutch—Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang.

Nominations for Community Outreach Officer: Commissioner Shackelford nominated commissioner Brodwin.

Commissioner Brodwin was elected Community Outreach Officer by the following unanimous roll call vote: Commissioner Tu Mutch—Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang.

The Youth Commission finally has a full Executive Committee!

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Youth Commission Director Yedidia reminded commissioners of the systematic internal and external communication between Youth Commission staff and all commissioners and members of the public on the Commission email list: staff send out weekly internal emails every Friday to update all commissioners on committees, events, and other Youth Commission business, and staff also send out an external update to all Youth Commission contacts and commissioners every two weeks (the Friday before a full Youth Commission meeting).

Staff passed out the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board, Youth Commission and Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Statement of Incompatible Activities to all commissioners. On top of the Ethics Training provided to the Commission on August 26 at the beginning of the Youth Commission Orientation Retreat, Yedidia led commissioners through pages 7 and 8 of the packet, underscoring the importance of not improperly using City business cards—which, staff said, would be on the way soon.

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee (next meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 4:30-6:30pm, City Hall, room 345)

Vice Chair Yang gave a quick report back to her peers on how the Executive Committee set the agenda for September 19, 2011.

B. Youth Justice Issues Committee (next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 4:30-6:15pm, City Hall, room 345)

Commissioner Ontiveros updated commissioners on the activities of the Youth Justice Issues Committee. Ontiveros is now the Chair of the committee, with commissioner Carrion as the Vice Chair of the committee. The committee is preparing for a presentation to the Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) Joint Funders meeting that is taking place on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Commissioners Ontiveros and Carrion then read their mission statement to the public record. Carrion clarified their roles in the JJCC and asked for the support of colleagues on future Youth Justice Committee work.

Youth Immigration Committee (next meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 3:30-4:30pm, City Hall, room 018)

Vice Chair Yang gave a brief update on the Youth Immigration Committee. The committee has met to discuss goals and policy priorities for the 2011-2012. The committee is currently working hard on planning the Immigrant Youth Summit set for October 28, 2011 at the West Bay Conference Center.

C. Committees that have not met yet: Youth City Services Committee (Housing, Transportation and Recreation)—next meeting, Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 4:30-6:30pm, City Hall, room 345; Youth Employment Committee—next meeting, Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 4:30-6:30pm, City Hall, room 345;

10. Attendance Review (Action Item)
(Document E)

Chair LaCroix laid out the format for how to review the attendance and authorize an absence of a commissioner. Each commissioner had 60 seconds to explain why they were absent with time for questions from other commissioners after the statement.

A. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker explained that she had to leave the last meeting early because she had an early flight the next morning. She apologized for having to leave early. There were no follow up questions.

Commissioner Tu Mutch, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford moved to authorize the absence of commissioner Marshall-Fricker. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Commissioner Sun, Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Commissioner Sun explained that due to the late time the meeting of August 31, 2011, she had concerned about family members who were urging her to leave the meeting. There were no follow up questions.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to authorize the absence of commissioner Sun. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

C. Commissioner Holloway, Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Commissioner Holloway explained that he had to leave the meeting of August 31, 2011 early because his grandmother was picking him up and had to still drive herself back home afterwards. It was getting too late and he still had a lot of homework to do. He expressed his apologies to staff and the full commission. There were no follow up questions.

Commissioner Baer, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong moved to authorize the absence of Commissioner Holloway. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Chair LaCroix asked if there were any other announcements.

Commission Liang shared that the Adopt an Alleyway organization will be having a music festival in Chinatown and asked fellow commissioners to forward the information to young people interested in either attending or volunteering. The event will be on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 1:00-7:00PM.

Commissioner Ontiveros added that the music festival will be very diverse.

Commissioner Bonner shared with her peers that the Bay Area Urban Debate League (BAUDL) has locked down a location for a public debate event. This will take place on either October 26th or 28th and will take place at the school district board's office. Bonner said that she would forward more information out to peers.

Chair LaCroix announced that there will be a press conference and rally on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 12pm at the front steps of City Hall to discuss free MUNI for youth. LaCroix shared that she will be speaking about her experiences at this rally and invited fellow commissioners to attend if possible.

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5:15-8:00pm
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

   A. Monday, September 19, 2011 (Document A)

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   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Yang
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A. Commissioner Chan, Monday, September 19, 2011
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

   Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.

   The roll was called and there was quorum. Commissioners present: Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun.

   Commissioners absent: Yang, Zukerman.

   Staff present: Yedidia, Truong.

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

   There was no public comment on this item.

   Commissioner Holloway moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Liang. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

   A. Monday, September 19, 2011 (Document A)

      There was no public comment on this item.

      Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of September 19, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

   There was none.

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      Presenter: Sheila Chung-Hagen, Legislative Aide, Supervisor David Campos
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Chair LaCroix offered introductory remarks, sharing that this is legislation referred to the Youth Commission is unique inasmuch as it is a resolution that cites the Youth Commission's Resolution 1112-AL-01-Free Youth Transportation—and well as a Youth Commission resolution from February, 2010; alas, she noted, much of the legislation referred from the Board that the Youth Commission will consider will not cite the Commission's past legislative work.

Chair LaCroix then informed her colleagues that Commissioner Shackelford would be chairing this item, as Chair LaCroix had particularly passionate feelings about the legislation under consideration.

Acting Chair Shackelford then welcomed Sheila Chung-Hagen, Legislative Aide to Supervisor David Campos.

Ms. Chung-Hagen then provided an overview of the resolution and noted that the Youth Commission was the body who brought the issue on the need of affordable public transportation for youth in San Francisco to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. This resolution would call for all departments to work together along with community groups to launch a timeline with clear and secured funding for the free MUNI for youth pilot program and work together on increasing agency efficiencies to invest in youth ridership.

Ms. Chung-Hagen also referenced the Youth Commission's support of their resolution on free youth transportation and mentioned the Youth Commission's past resolution on the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass—a discounted monthly MUNI fast pass for low income public school students that the Youth Commission proposed in February 2010.

Ms. Chung-Hagen also shared that the Student Advisory Council had also recently passed their resolution on free MUNI for youth on September 26, 2011. Chung-Hagen then invited Commissioners to come out and speak at two upcoming meetings regarding Supervisor Campos' resolution: on Thursday, October 6, 2011 from 4:00-6:00pm at the Board of Supervisor's City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee in room 263 of City Hall; as well as Director Ramos's item calendared as a discussion item on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 4:00pm at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board meeting in room 400 of City Hall. She urged Commissioners to discuss the importance of this issue at both meetings and then thanked them for their leadership on this issue.

Commissioners then asked clarifying questions on the distribution of passes, the likelihood of including BART, the timeline of this pilot program, and funding.

Ms. Chung-Hagen shared that this program is currently in the planning process, that this resolution simply asks for City departments to work together to look at how this pilot program would work and how to go after funding and secure resources, and shared some information on the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP), a multimillion dollar planning process that MUNI underwent a few years ago that produced recommendations that, if implemented, would make MUNI more efficient. Chung-Hagen stressed the importance of Commissioners coming out to the upcoming meetings to ask these specific questions, as well as give additional input.

There was no public comment.

Acting Chair Shackelford then explained to commissioners that they were going to now discuss the resolution and work on a motion to either support, not support, or not take a position.

Commissioner LaCroix expressed to her colleagues that this resolution is similar to the Youth Commission's resolution on free MUNI for young people and reminded everyone that this is a program that will ultimately benefit all young people in San Francisco; and the Youth Commission is mandated to look out for the unmet needs of young people in San Francisco.

Commissioners then discussed the option of adding an amendment to explore options to prioritize low income youth in the free MUNI plan. Commissioner Sun added that it is important to have youth who can afford a fast pass pay for one.

Commissioners then discussed the different options that were available, with some pointing out the significance of supporting a plan that is inclusive of all young people in San Francisco, environmentally sustainable, and that would unite youth ridership. Commissioners Sun, Carrion, and Chan, shared their thoughts on prioritizing low income youth.

Commissioner Tu Mutch, Baer, and Ontiveros weighed in on the logistical difficulties of differentiating low income high school youth and that free public transportation for all youth is a better option. Commissioners also reminded each other that they had just recently unanimously passed their own resolution on free youth transportation.

Mrs. Chung-Hagen stepped in to reiterate that this resolution is simply asking all City departments to work together; currently there had been a whole host of possible challenges and concerns coming from the working group, and suggested that the Youth Commission utilize their subgroup and committees to work on the design of this program as it moves into a further stage.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Baer, moved to support this resolution and urged the Board of Supervisors to include the Youth Commission in the collaborating process with city agencies and to explore a needs based program for transitional age youth.

Commissioners Chan and Brodwin urged their colleagues to add an amendment to urge the Board of Supervisors to look at other options to prioritize low income youth. Commissioners Ontiveros, Armstrong, and Baer debated the need to add the amendment as the resolution calls for agencies to work together to explore the options of free MUNI for all young people.

Youth Commission Director Yedidia reminded commissioners that the Youth Commission makes comments and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Brodwin stated that it is important to have a stance to imply that other options should be explored.

Commissioner Chan, seconded by Brodwin moved to amend the basic motion, moving to support everything in the basic motion, but also urge the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to consider other options specifically targeting youth in need.

Acting Chair Shackelford noted that there are two motions at the table and the Youth Commission should move forward and take action.

Staff Yedidia clarified the two motions. There was the basic motion to support the legislation referred with a request to include the Youth Commission in the planning process and to keep in mind transitional age youth for future programs. There was also the motion to amend, which

supports everything in the basic motion, but urged the Board of Supervisors to explore other options for the most low-income young people.

The motion to amend passed by the following 11-4 roll call vote: Ayes (11) – Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, Liang, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun. No's (4) – Armstrong, Baer, LaCroix, Marshall-Fricker.

The motion to support the legislation referred passed by the following 15-0 roll call vote: Ayes (15) – Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun.

Commissioner Bonner then clarified her notes to include in her memo to the Board of Supervisors on legislation referred.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on the City's Budget Process and Fund Structure, with special attention to the Children's Fund, Children's Baseline and Proposition H
Presenter: Cindy Czerwin, Budget & Analysis Division, Controller's Office
(Documents C, D, E)

Chair LaCroix welcomed Cindy Czerwin from the Budget and Analysis Division of the Controller's Office and gave introductory remarks on why a presentation on the City's Budget Process is important and useful for the Youth Commissioners to have.

Commissioner Tu Mutch added that the Youth Commission as a body should understand how the budget works as it relates to the Children's Fund and the Children's Baseline, as these funding streams provide resources to virtually all youth programming and services in San Francisco.

Ms. Czerwin started by giving a general overview of the Controller's Office, which, serves as the City's chief accounting institution, and the $6.8 billion budget of San Francisco—of which, she underscored, only about $2 billion is discretionary. She then went into more detail on the sources of funding that are dedicated to the Children's Fund. The Children's Fund is a total of $42.7 million that sits with the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families; this fund is not considered part of the General Fund, as it is specifically set aside children's programs and services. Ms. Czerwin also explained that there is also the Children's Baseline and the Public Education Enrichment Fund.

Commissioners then asked clarifying questions on discretionary revenue and the non-General Fund. Ms. Czerwin explained that tax revenue, in general, is discretionary and that sales and hotel taxes are one of the biggest sources of revenue for the city.

Chair LaCroix asked Ms. Czerwin how the Youth Commission can become involved and what they should be focusing on when providing any comments on the budget process. Ms. Czerwin commented that the Youth Commission should think about efficiencies and on long term goals of where they see youth in San Francisco should be and what youth should have.

Chair LaCroix thanked Ms. Czerwin for her time and expressed interest in finding a way to work with the Controller's Office in the future.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Second Reading] Resolution 1112—AL 02—Immigrant Youth Summit
Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Yang
(Document F)

Chair LaCroix asked that her colleagues motion to table this item to the next meeting since Commissioner Yang was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Ontiveros, as Vice Chair of the Youth Immigration Committee, wanted to continue the discussion and asked commissioners not to table the item, as he strongly felt that the Youth Commission should make a decision in supporting the Immigrant Youth Summit as the event is only several weeks away.

Commissioners then discussed whether or not this item should be table; and then asked for more information on the Immigrant Youth Summit. Staff Yedidia and Truong provided the context behind the Immigrant Youth Summit, Commissioner Yang's hard work during the summer with the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, and expressed that the goal of the summit is to reach a few hundred immigrant students from 9 public high schools. The summit will be taking place on October 28, 2011 from 10:15am-4:30pm at the West Bay Conference Center. Commissioner Ontiveros expressed that this meeting was the perfect opportunity to get everyone's input as well as everyone's availability to help.

Staff Yedidia then called roll to get feedback and help from commissioners;:

Holloway attends a private high school and asked for the committee to look into whether or not he can attend;

Chan would have to check in with her school to see if she can attend, but offered her support with providing outreach to API Equality and LYRIC;

Carrion will stop by the event after his class to help with set up and/or clean up and reach out to his JAC networks;

Brodwin stated she will inform the First Generations club at her school and will help with outreach;

Bonner offered her help in providing public speaking, advocacy, and resume writing workshops and she is free on Fridays to help all day at the summit;

Baer would attend the summit after school to help clean and would post a flyer at his school;

Armstrong offered to reach out to immigrant young people at her school;

Marshall-Fricker would not be able to get out of class;

Tu Mutch stated that she would attend and work on outreach for this event;

Persky noted that he has an early day on the 28th and would stop by to help the committee;

Shackelford was not sure if she could get out of school, but will get back to the committee;

Sun stated that she had shared this resolution with her appointing officer; and

Chair LaCroix offered her support in setting up and cleaning up.

Commissioner Baer moved to approve this resolution, seconded by Brodwin. This motion passed with 15 ayes.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Youth Commission Director Yedidia informed Commissioners that their business cards are here and to pick them up in the office. Yedidia also passed out the committee meeting schedule of 2011-2012 and reminded commissioners that they are all expected to set up meetings with their appointing officers and/or their legislative aides; and asked commissioners to start planning to visit community based organizations and set up community meetings and to talk to staff and their Community Outreach officer Brodwin for help on this.

Staff passed out flyers on the upcoming Bay Area Urban Debate League event to take place on October 26th, 2011 at the San Francisco School District building. Yedidia concluded staff report by urging commissioners to come out and speak regarding the free MUNI for youth proposal at the Board of Supervisors City Operations and Neighborhood Services committee meeting on October 6th, 2011 and at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority Board of Director's meeting on October 18th, 2011.

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

Staff Truong read all upcoming committee meetings out loud.

A. Executive Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 4:30-6:15pm, City Hall, room 345

Chair LaCroix gave a quick update on the full Executive Committee meeting, how officers set the agenda for October 3, 2011, and shared that each officer will be checking in with commissioners on a regular basis to add requested items onto future meeting agendas.

Commissioner Brodwin updated her colleagues that she had been meeting with staff and working on a Community Outreach plan and is opened to hearing recommendations from peers.

Commissioner Bonner gave a brief report back on her duties and responsibilities of being the Legislative Affairs officer.

Commissioner Tu Mutch shared that she was working on a Public Relations and Media plan and will be establishing expectations for commissioners to make the Youth Commission a household name in San Francisco.

B. Youth Justice Issues Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 4:30-6:15pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Ontiveros gave a quick report back on the Youth Justice Issues committee presentation to the Violence Prevention Imitative (VPI) Joint Funders at the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF). Ontiveros shared that the committee would be

continuing their presentation and would need the support of peers as they get more in depth with their policy priorities.

C. Youth Immigration Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 3:30-4:30pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Ontiveros reminded commissioners that the Youth Immigration Committee would be meeting this Wednesday, October 5th, to finalize the break out session themes and get into the fine details of the event. Ontiveros invited his peers to contact him with any suggestions and help.

D. Youth City Services Committee (Housing, Transportation and Recreation); next meeting, Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 4:30-6:30pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Baer gave a quick report out to his peers that the Youth City Services committee had a successful first meeting; Baer had been elected Chair of the committee by his peers, and then read the committee's mission statement into the public record.

E. Youth Employment Committee; next meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2011, 4:45pm, City Hall, room 345.

Commissioner Armstrong, elected be Chair of the committee by its members, gave a brief update of the Youth Employment committee's first meeting and shared that the America's Cup presentation to the committee had been rescheduled.

F. Student Support, Health and Facilities Committee; next meeting: Friday, October 28, 2011, 4:30-6:30, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

Commissioner Bonner, who had been appointed Chair of this committee, went over the goals and priorities of this committee which included utilizing their relationship with Youth Outreach Workers, asking for support for high school drop-out prevention work, and attending a school budget training at their next meeting.

G. School District Curriculum and Class Time Issues; next meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 5:30-7:30, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

This committee had not met yet.

10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

Chair LaCroix reminded commissioners of the format for how to review the attendance and authorize an absence of a commissioner. Each commissioner had 60 seconds to explain why they were absent with time for questions from other commissioners after the statement.

A. Commissioner Chan, Monday, September 19, 2011

Commissioner Chan explained that the last full Youth Commission meeting conflicted with her last week of work; and that she made the decision to miss the meeting in order to plan for a big event at her work place.

Commissioner Ontiveros asked follow up questions and asked Chan to inform her colleagues in

the future and utilize her participation in the Youth Commission to endorse future events, so that commissioners would be able to help her out.

Commissioner Chan noted Ontiveros suggestion and apologized for not managing her time effectively.

Commissioner Bonner added that if any commissioners would like to add an item on the agenda, they can contact her for the Agenda Request form.

Commissioner Tu Mutch, seconded by Holloway moved to authorize the absence of Commissioner Chan. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Commissioner Zukerman, Monday, September 19, 2011

Commissioner Zukerman was absent from this meeting. Chair LaCroix stated that item 10B would be tabled to the next meeting.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Chair LaCroix opened the meeting to announcements.

Commissioner Bonner urged commissioners to attend the Bay Area Urban Debate League event on October 26th and asked her peers to contact her if they were interested in helping out. Bonner would also be giving a speech at the beginning of this event and encouraged her commissioners to come out to support the event.

Commissioner Ontiveros shared with his peers that the budget proposal at City College of San Francisco Board meeting on September 22, 2011 had passed. Ontiveros stated the importance of speaking in public on issues that affect youth and urged his colleagues to voice their support at the October 6th Board of Supervisors City Operations and Neighborhood Services committee hearing on free MUNI for youth.

Chair LaCroix added that Fiona Ma's office had invited commissioners to a Drum, Salsa, and Chili cook off event on October 8th at Stern Grove.

Commissioner Ontiveros also announced that there is a Youth Advocate internship opportunity. The flyer is posted up at the Youth Commission's office bulletin board.

Commission Carrion invited commissioners to the Street Crime and Public Safety summit to take place on October 31, 2011 at St. Paul's 1122 Jamestown Avenue. The summit would have discussions on all the violence that had been happening in the neighborhoods of district 10. Carrion will be attending the summit and encouraged his peers to also attend. The summit starts at 11am and will update commissioners on confirmed participants as soon as he gets the information.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

   A. Monday, October 3, 2011 (Document A)

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Ordinance Appropriating $1,900,000 of Children's Fund Contingency in the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families to Fund Subsidized Child Care for Low Income Families in FY2011-2012 (Mayor)
   Presenter: Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
   (Documents B, C)

6. **Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Presentation on the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
   Presenters: Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; Bryant Tan, Youth Empowerment Fund Manager, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
   (Documents D, E)

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Community Outreach Plan
   Recommendation by Community Outreach Officer and Staff: Approval
   Presenter: Commissioner Brodwin, Community Outreach Officer
   (Documents F, G, H)

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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The roll was called. Commissioners present: Armstrong, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang, Zukerman. There was quorum. Commissioners tardy: Baer. Staff present: Yedidia, Truong

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong, moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. Monday, October 3, 2011 (Document A)

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Persky, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of October 3, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

Ms. Lsylynn Lacoste, Director of the Bayview Hunters Point Mobilization for Adolescent Growth in Our Communities (BMAGIC)—a collaborative, San Francisco neighborhood-based non-profit organization which works with other agencies to coordinate community resources and opportunities to support community members in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood—introduced herself to all Commissioners and expressed that she looks forward to working with the Youth Commission on various neighborhood issues that affect young people in the future.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Ordinance Appropriating $1,900,000 of Children's Fund Contingency in the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families to Fund Subsidized Child Care for Low

Income Families in FY2011-2012 (Mayor)
Presenter: Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
(Documents B, C)

Chair LaCroix welcomed Maria Su, Director of the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, to the Youth Commission meeting and gave introductory remarks on why the Youth Commission's Executive Committee felt this legislation referred was important for Commissioners to hear.

Maria Su, Director of the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, introduced herself to Commissioners and gave some contextual background information on this piece of legislation. Director Su shared with commissioners that in the last funding cycle, DCYF set aside some dollars from the Children's Fund in anticipation of budget cuts from the state. The state budget cuts for the current fiscal year 2011-2012 ultimately resulted in the reduction of subsidized child care contracts for low-income youth amounting to the loss of 750 slots. The legislation before the Commission simply asks the Board of Supervisors to approve the Department's plan to go ahead and spend $1.9 million dollars it set aside for this express purpose to continue to fund subsidized child care for low income families. This legislation will go to the Board's Budget and Finance Committee for approval next week. Director Su asked for the support of the Youth Commission on this legislation, as the funds in this legislation will go directly to serve the city's most vulnerable children, in a time where there will likely be more cuts for child care services in the years to come.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding the legislative process of budget supplemental in general; they also asked about how DCYF is planning for the years to come, when more state cuts are expected.

Director Su clarified that the money in question is part of the Children's Fund, which means that these funds cannot be used to supplant General Fund reductions. Ms. Su also acknowledged that this was a onetime fix. Su expressed that she would like to collaborate and work with the Youth Commission on how to address these issues in the future.

There was no public comment.

Chair LaCroix opened up the floor for discussion and possible action amongst her peers on the commission.

Commissioner Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to support the legislation referred.

Commissioner Zukerman stated that he would like to abstain from voting on this motion.

Youth Commission Director Mario Yedidia, acting as parliamentarian for the Commission, shared that the City Attorney's Office advises that all Commissioners and members of advisory bodies not abstain from making a decision unless there is a conflict of interest born out in the Statement of Incompatible Activities. Moreover, as members of an advisory body like the Youth Commission, Commissioners should vote on all matters at hand, unless there is a conflict of interest.

Commissioners Baer and Ontiveros urged Commissioner Zukerman to vote one way or antoher on the legislation referred. Zukerman stated that he would not be voting until staff produced, in writing, the City Attorney documents detailing the need to vote on all motions unless there is a conflict of interest. Director Yedidia acknowledged Commissioner Zukerman's request and advised Commissioners to continue their vote.

The motion to support the legislation referred passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes (16) – Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang. Abstained (1) – Zukerman.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
Presenters: Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; Bryant Tan, Youth Empowerment Fund Manager, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
(Documents D, E)

Chair LaCroix welcomed Maria Su and Bryant Tan, from the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF), and the Chair also gave introductory remarks on why it is important for the Youth Commission to get an informational presentation on DCYF—most simply, because it is the main City department that funds programs and services for children ages 0-17 in San Francisco.

Bryant Tan, Youth Empowerment Fund Manager at DCYF, started the presentation by introducing himself and thanking Commissioners for supporting item 5A. Mr. Tan then gave a brief background on DCYF and the different service areas (and corresponding staff teams) at the department that are working on addressing youth needs—among them, Out of School Time, Youth Employment, Violence Prevention and Intervention, Nutrition and Health and Wellness, and Early Childcare and Child Education. Mr. Tan also discussed the work he manages, including Youth Empowerment Fund, a pot of money totaling about $1 million each year that the department sets aside for youth-led projects; the Youth Advisory Council, a group made up of members of various youth advisory bodies, including the Youth Commission; Youth Vote, a civic engagement initiative engaging young people to the inner workings of governance and elections; and Youth Advocacy Day, which brings young people to City Hall every Spring to speak directly to elected officials.

Director Maria Su then stepped in to give a broader overview of the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families through a PowerPoint presentation. Director Su started by giving some information on the Children's Fund—a special fund made up of 0.03% of the City's annual property tax revenue that is managed by DCYF and was approved by the voters such that the City could spend it exclusively on children's programs and services. Ms. Su mentioned that the Children's Fund is coming up for voter reauthorization in 2015.

As per the Charter, DCYF has a three year planning process for the Children's Fund; in Year One, key stakeholders in the community are approached for feedback on what is needed to support children's programs and services; in Year Two DCYF takes

information gathered and works on budget projections and funding strategies to fund appropriate services; and in Year Three DCYF creates a Request for Proposals.

Director Su concluded her presentation by inviting Youth Commissioners to reach out and collaborate with staff at DCYF on future projects and to share with DCYF their experiences as young people living in San Francisco.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions on DCYF's service areas, how youth are prioritized for programs, and the department's budget.

Director Su shared that DCYF works very closely with the school district and community organizations to ensure that there are many after school activities for young people; she mentioned a truancy prevention initiative that the school district is developing, and noted that out of DCYF's budget, 56% comes from the Children's Fund, 30% is the general fund, and 13% is state and federal dollars. Currently, DCYF is working on developing an allocation plan, and this would be a great opportunity for the Youth Commission to participate in discussion around children's programs, services, and strategies.

Chair LaCroix thanked Director Su and Mr. Tan for their time and presentation, and invited both of them to attend the Youth Commission's upcoming Youth City Services committee meeting to take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Community Outreach Plan
Recommendation by Community Outreach Officer and Staff: Approval
Presenter: Commissioner Brodwin, Community Outreach Officer
(Documents F, G, H)

Commissioner Brodwin gave a brief overview of the Community Outreach Plan she developed for the Youth Commission. Commissioner Brodwin said will be checking in with all of her colleagues by November 4th to get everyone's feedback and input on the plan, as well as note each commissioner's personal outreach goals. The outreach plan includes a check list, a tracking sheet, and the basic expectation that all Commissioners will outreach to youth organizations and members of the community at least once a month.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and thanked her for her time and hard work in creating the Community Outreach Plan for the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Ontiveros asked if it would be possible for the full Youth Commission meetings to be televised like the Board of Supervisors meeting and if media can be included in the outreach plan.

Youth Commission Director Yedidia stated that broadcasting all Commission meetings is a matter of the Youth Commission's budget.

Commissioner Tu Mutch also shared that she will be going over her Media and Public Relations plan for commissioners to review at the next full meeting.

Chair LaCroix expressed that she is hopeful in making the Youth Commission a household name In this 2011-2012 term.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to adopt the Community Outreach Plan. The motion to adopt the Community Outreach plan passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes (16) – Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang. Abstained (1) – Zukerman.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Youth Commission Director Yedidia asked Commissioners to read the Weekly Internal Updates Youth Commission staff have been sending out every Friday, as it includes important information, dates, and deadlines that commissioners should be aware of. Yedidia also stated that the agenda packets of every full commission meeting can always be found on the Youth Commission website, and that commissioners can look up the agenda packet themselves online if it is not included in an email to them from staff. Then Yedidia shared that he and Coordinator Truong would be contacting all Commissioners to set up 1-on-1 check in meetings, in an effort to solicit feedback from individual Commissioners, get input on their experiences on the Commission thus far, provide support for Commissioners' policy and personal goals. Yedidia announced exciting news that the office will be scheduling a tour of the Public Utilities Commission's main water treatment facility

Staff also invited the whole commission to exercise their privileged positions as Youth Commissioners in the Free MUNI for Youth debates, specifically at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors meeting to be held at Tuesday, October 18 at 4pm in City Hall, room 400.

Yedidia concluded staff report by sharing that the office now has two new SF Youth Works interns—Maria Garcia and Kyron Covington—both of whom will be helping staff with not only clerical duties, but also with the Commission's policy work in committees. Staff Truong also passed out media release and health opt out forms for commissioners to fill out and return.

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2011, 4:00pm-6:00pm, City Hall, room 345 (Document I)

Vice Chair Yang shared that the Executive Committee will be checking in with specific commissioners to get input on future agendas.

Commissioner Bonner reviewed Document I, the recent memo that was sent to the Board of Supervisors, and encouraged commissioners to give her feedback on the memo.

Commissioner Tu Mutch and Brodwin shared that they will be following up with all commissioners on their respective plans.

Chair LaCroix reminded everyone to fill out the activity logs in the Youth Commission's office, encouraged her peers to join her at the SFMTA meeting on October 18th to speak on Free MUNI for youth, and shared information on the Neighborhood Empowerment Network award, a city funded program that recognizes individuals who has done amazing work in the community. This year, NEN would like to invite the YC to select an amazing young person to win this award. Staff Yedidia stated that the nominations for this award are due this Friday, October 21.

B. Youth Justice Issues Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 4:30-6:15pm, City Hall, room 345

   Commissioner Ontiveros gave a quick report back on the committee's meetings with the Deputy Director of Juvenile probation Allison Magee and work on exploring case management, curriculum for youth in the hall, and the Log Cabin ranch. The committee will have a study group meeting this Wednesday at 4:30pm.

C. Youth Immigration Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 3:30-4:30pm, City Hall, room 345

   Commissioner Yang gave a quick report back on the status of the Immigrant Youth Summit, set for Friday, October 28, 2011 and will follow up with commissioners who will be volunteering their time to help at the summit.

D. Youth City Services Committee (Housing, Transportation and Recreation); next meeting, Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 4:30-6:30pm, City Hall, room 345

   Commissioner Baer shared that he will be at the SFMTA Board meeting this Tuesday, October 18th and encouraged everyone who will be speaking at this meeting, to come and share their input to the Youth City Services committee meeting this Wednesday.

E. Youth Employment Committee; next meeting, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 4:45pm, City Hall, room 345.

   Commissioner Armstrong shared some information from her meeting with Ariel Ungerleider, staff from the America's Cup Event Authority; and announced that the committee has been diligently working on setting policy priorities for the term.

F. Student Support, Health and Facilities Committee; next meeting: Friday, October 28, 2011, 4:30-6:30, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

   Commissioner Bonner stated that there have been no changes since her update at the last full commission meeting and will report back after the next meeting.

G. School District Curriculum and Class Time Issues; next meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 5:30-7:30, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

Staff Yedidia asked commissioners who were selected to participate in the Youth Advisory Council to provide an update on their orientation retreat that took place on Saturday, October 15th.

Commissioners Shackelford, Persky, and Carrion shared that they made new friends, met many members from other advisory bodies, created posters, and were able to update these other youth leaders on the vigorous, productive work the Youth Commission has taken on to date.

10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

Chair LaCroix started the attendance review by reminding Commissioners of the format, as it is laid out in the Bylaws, of reviewing and authorizing Commissioners' absences from full Youth Commission meetings. Each Commissioner has 60 seconds to explain their absence, followed by time for questions from his or her colleagues and, should the Commission wish to extend the courtesy, a motion to excuse an absence.

A. Commissioner Yang, Monday, October 3, 2011

Vice Chair Yang shared that she was really sick at the last meeting and was not physically able to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Bonner and Ontiveros emphasized the importance of planning in advance and finding a way to address items that Yang had previously set on the agenda, even if she finds out she is unable to attend a meeting on the day of.

Commissioner Baer, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to authorize the absence of Commissioner Yang on October 3, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

B. Commissioner Zukerman, Monday, September 19, 2011

Commissioner Zukerman stated that he did not want to speak on this item and did not want to have his absences authorized.

Commissioners Tu Mutch, Bonner, LaCroix, and Ontiveros asked regarding Commissioner Zukerman's reasoning behind not wanting to authorize his absences or explain them.

Commissioner Zukerman asked staff—as he had earlier in the meeting—to see documents clarifying the need to vote on every motion. Chair LaCroix and Commissioner Ontiveros asked staff clarifying questions on procedures for authorizing and not authorizing an absence. Director Yedidia stated that if there is no motion to authorize an absence, then there is no authorization. Yedidia then read '(B3) Meeting Procedures and Rules of Order" of Section III of the San Francisco Youth Commission 2011-2012 Bylaws into the public record, which states, "Abstentions are only permitted if there is a clear conflict of interest or if this particular motion refers to a matter a Commissioner would not be in position to be knowledgeable of."

There was no motion to authorize Commissioner Zukerman.

C. Commissioner Zukerman, Monday, October 3, 2011

There was no motion to authorize this absence.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Chair LaCroix opened the meeting to announcements.

Commissioner Carrion reminded commissioners of the upcoming Street Crime and Public Safety summit to take place on October 31st, 2011 at St. Paul's 1122 Jamestown Avenue. Carrion stated that when he gets more information about the summit, he will relay it to all. After the announcement, Carrion also stated that as commissioners, everyone should speak to one another in a respectful and mature manner.

Commissioner Brodwin invited everyone to contact her for more information on a conference about the state's budget on Saturday at UC Berkeley.

Commissioner Chan shared the following upcoming weekly community groups at LYRIC: Transmagic, a 12-24 year old trans youth and allies group will be meeting every Tuesday; HONEY, a queer girls and allies group will be meeting every Wednesday; and M.E.E.T. a queer boys and allies group will be meeting every Friday. All groups are from 4-6pm at LYRIC.

Chair LaCroix shared that the Mayor's Office will be starting a quarterly attendance review process for all mayoral appointees. LaCroix stated that review is mandatory for all Mayoral appointees..

Commissioner Holloway shared that Lick Wilmerding high school is starting to plan for their Know Your Rights summit and interested commissioners should contact him and Commissioner Brodwin for more information.

Director Yedidia closed out announcements by stating that Youth Commission staff holds the Commission and each Commissioner with high regard and that in turn, staff expects Commissioners treat each other in a respectful manner; he reminded everyone of the shared group agreements that were arrived at during the August Orientation retreat, jointly held with the Student Advisory Council, and he reiterated that the Youth Commission is a safe space and an environment for all Commissioners to discuss and debate the work that they do—not discussing and debating each other's individual character. Yedidia acknowledged the negativity and bickering that had occurred earlier in the meeting during item 10B; finally, he encouraged Commissioners to come and speak with staff should they feel it necessary to express their feelings and thoughts in a more private setting.

Chair LaCroix encouraged everyone to step forward and get to know their colleagues on the Commission and to hold each other accountable in a respectful manner.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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SF Youth Commission

San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda

Monday, November 7, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
There will be public comment on each item.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

   A. Monday, October 17, 2011 (Document A)

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

6. **Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Presentation on the Unmet Needs of Transitional Age Youth in San Francisco (TAYSF)
   Presenters: Jose-Luis Mejía, Alma Ruznic, Nadyiah Shereff, Young Adult Advocates, Transitional Age Youth Initiative—San Francisco (TAYSF)
   (Document B, C)

   B. Presentation on the San Francisco's Affordable and Low-Income Housing Services and Policies, especially as they relate to youth
   Presenters: Linda Martin-Mason, Ombudsman, San Francisco Housing Authority; Anne Romero, Project Manager, Mayor's Office of Housing
   (Documents D, E)

   C. Presentation & Request for Endorsement from Out of Site Youth Arts Center for 1st Annual Youth Arts Summit
   Presenter: Christian Duarte, Out of Site Youth Arts Center

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Media and Public Relations Plan
   Recommendation by Community Outreach Officer and Staff: Approval
   Presenter: Commissioner Tu Mutch, Media and Public Relations Officer
   (Document F)

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8. **Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

9. **Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

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H. Youth Advisory Council; next meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2011; Dept of Children, Youth and Their Families, 1390 Market St., 9th Floor

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

The roll was called. Commissioners present: Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang. There was quorum. Commissioners absent: Brodwin. Staff present: Yedidia, Truong.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. Monday, October 17, 2011 (Document A)

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Baer, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of October 17, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There were none.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

There was none.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on the Unmet Needs of Transitional Age Youth in San Francisco (TAYSF)
Presenters: Jose-Luis Mejía, Alma Ruznic, Nadiyah Shereff, Young Adult Advocates, Transitional Age Youth Initiative—San Francisco (TAYSF)
(Document B, C)

Chair LaCroix welcomed Jose-Luis Mejia, Alma Ruznic, and Nadiyah Shereff, Young Adult Advocates of Transitional Age Youth San Francisco (TAYSF), to the full Youth Commission meeting and gave a brief introduction on why it is important for the Youth Commission—with some commissioners being TAY themselves—to hear about TAY issues and priorities for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Jose-Luis Mejia, Alma Ruznic, and Nadiyah Shereff, Young Adult Advocates of Transitional Age Youth San Francisco, introduced themselves to Commissioners and gave some historical and contextual background on the Transitional Age Youth Initiative in San Francisco. Ms. Shereff shared with Commissioners that a TAY is identified as a person between the ages of 16-24, facing multiple barriers including, but not limited to, the following: homelessness and/or being a runaway, being a young parent oneself, disabled and/or special needs, being involved in the juvenile justice system, not completing high school, and being immigrant.

The Transitional Age Youth Initiative is an outgrowth of former Mayor Gavin Newsom's Transitional Youth Task Force – an interagency planning group which met in 2006 to create recommendations to improve the lives of TAY. Ms. Ruznic also explained the roles of Young Adult Advocates at TAY and how TAYSF's work is directed by a collaboration of members of TAYSF's Steering Committee and Young Adult Advisory Board, and through focus group and street outreach. Mr. Mejia then told Commissioners about the idea for a TAY Resource Website—a comprehensive online resource database that would consist of youth programs and services—which TAY has prioritized as one of the most important things to complete by the end of fiscal year 2011-2012. Mr. Mejia welcomed any help from Commissioners interested in the resource directory.

The Young Adult Advocates urged Commissioners to write a resolution to help make TAY a stated priority population in San Francisco. Mr. Mejia stressed to Commissioners that while some of the 16 policy recommendations from the TAY Initiative have seen significant progress, others have not moved forward much at all.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding current TAY issues and the Young Adult Advisory Board. Commissioner Carrion shared information about the Guardian Scholars Program at City College of San Francisco and asked that TAY look into collaborating with the program, as they provide services to youth exiting the foster system.
Commissioner Tu Mutch volunteered to have the Youth City Services committee work on a resolution to support TAY as a population priority.

Commissioner Bonner also invited TAY advocates to present to the Youth Commission's Executive Committee meeting to collaborate on outreach efforts to young people in San Francisco.

Public Comment:

Youth Commission Director Mario Yedidia, then read into the public email form from Laurel Moeslein, a Case Manager at Inner City Youth and advocate for TAY who was unable to attend the Youth Commission meeting, but requested that her public comment be included in the discussion.

SF Youth Commission

Hello,

I am unable to attend the 11/7 Youth Commission meeting dedicated to the unmet needs of San Francisco's TAY population due to a scheduling conflict, but wish to submit public comment for the record, as I am so pleased that the Youth Commission is addressing such an important issue in our city.

My name is Laurel Moeslein, and I have worked as a Case Manager and Advocate for Transitional Age Youth for five years- mostly in Lakeview and Sunnydale. The needs of almost any TAY in San Francisco are great- but in these communities some of the decisions you make from ages 18-24 can change the course of your entire life. This age group has a tremendous amount of pressure on them as they transition into adulthood. This population is most at-risk for homelessness, violence, and incarceration. If an already at-risk TAY is not housed, employed, or being educated, they are likely to engage in the illegal street economy.

Based on my experience I have some advocacy suggestions for the Youth Commission as they begin to tackle this worthy subject:

1. Increased affordable housing development for the general TAY population. There are quite a few affordable housing options in San Francisco for former Foster youth (G-House, the Salvation Army apartments, ect), but what about those kids that never made it into the system? Those that stayed with Grandmas or Aunties under the radar- but probably should have been in foster care. They have all the same risks as former foster youth- but often, they can't reap any of the same benefits. I think we should advocate for a full assessment during the housing application period- and that waitlist decisions and acceptance should be based on the totality of risk factors. There should be affordable housing options for all struggling youth- or we will continue to lose more and more lifetime SF residents to places like Hayward, Antioch, and Stockton.

2. Education campaign about FAFSA and financial aid policies for local colleges. The FAFSA will not be accepted without one of your parents full financial information (tax info, gross income, ect.). Many TAY I have known give up on receiving financial aid when they can't get this information from their parents, or they don't consistently know where they're parents are. What many TAY don't know if that you can leave the parent information on the FAFSA blank, and then work with a Financial Aid Specialist at your college to do an "Unusual Circumstances Form"- and get yourself declared an "Independent", rather than a "Dependent". Every young person I have ever worked with COULD NOT attend college without some amount of financial aid. We have to make sure the population understands that almost EVERYONE is entitled to aid. This helps people stay in school, and also builds income.

3. TAY need to know how to seal their juvenile records. TAY that offended as an adult need to know about the Clean Slate program and the expungement process. There is a segment of the TAY population that is unemployable in this economy due to their status as ex-offenders. Their ex-offender status can even limit their ability to receive financial aid or get housed. We need to work together to spread the work about the VERY EASY process of sealing juvenile records at Woodside, and the availability of the Clean Slate program through the Public Defender's Office. Maybe this information can be decimnated through Adult Probation officers, or in the Career Centers at CCSF and Skyline.

Thank you for accepting this public comment, and thank you for your steadfast leadership,

Laurel Moeslein
Inner City Youth of San Francisco (ICY)

Linda Martin-Mason, Ombudsman, San Francisco Housing Authority shared with Commissioners and members of the public that the SFHA will be starting their Annual Review process in January 2012. Under normal circumstances, the SFHA does not change the preferences on eligibility documents for affordable housing in San Francisco; however in, January 2012 there will be a meeting to discuss possible changes to preferences. Ms. Martin-Mason invited members of the public to attend and for anyone interested to contact her at (415) 715-3915 or email at martinl@sfha.org Ms. Martin-Mason also shared that the SFHA waitlist has been closed for almost 10 years, with the waitlist for Section 8 housing to open up sometime in 2012.

Chair LaCroix thanked Jose-Luis Mejia, Alma Ruznic, and Nadiyah Shereff for the time and presentation, and invited them to continue their collaboration with the Youth Commission by working with the various Youth Commission committees.

B. Presentation on the San Francisco's Affordable and Low-Income Housing Services and Policies, especially as they relate to youth
Presenters: Linda Martin-Mason, Ombudsman, San Francisco Housing Authority; Anne Romero, Project Manager, Mayor's Office of Housing
(Documents D, E)

Chair LaCroix welcomed Linda Martin-Mason, Ombudsman, of the San Francisco Housing Authority, and gave introductory remarks on why the Executive Committee, at the suggestion of Commissioner Bonner, the Youth Commission's Legislative Affairs officer, felt this presentation was important for Commissioners to hear.

Linda Martin-Mason, Ombudsman of San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA), introduced herself to Commissioners and gave an overview of SFHA through a power point presentation. Ms. Martin-Mason explained the roles SFHA as the manager and landlord of the City's public housing properties and the administrator of the Section 8 housing subsidy.

Ms. Martin-Mason then outlined the different public housing sites throughout San Francisco. She explained that SFHA is one of the oldest housing authorities in California and the biggest landlord in San Francisco. Ms. Martin-Mason stated that the SFHA recently got off the public housing troubled status list and can now apply for federal grants. Ms. Martin-Mason also shared the SFHA have been working hard on a lot of different priorities, including aggressively collecting rent beginning this year.

Chair LaCroix then welcomed Anne Romero a Project Manager at the Mayor's Office of Housing.

Ms. Romero then introduced herself to Commissioners and gave a brief overview of the Mayor's Office of Housing and some contextual background information on the City's TAY housing plan. Currently, through the Community Development division, MOH is

looking at multifamily developments as they affect TAY. Ms. Romero shared that there is target funding for specific populations throughout the city, which now includes TAY. The priority population of the last decade had been the chronically homeless population. Currently, there is a TAY housing work group to help implement goals of providing 400 new units of housing for TAY by 2015. Ms. Romero noted that San Francisco is one of the few cities in the nation to provide dedicated funding for TAY housing and it is important to keep collaborating with youth to find better models to house TAY, to continue the work of affordable housing for the TAY population.

Public Comment:

Jose-Luis Mejia is a Young Adult Advocate working at Transitional Age Youth SF. He was interested in learning more about how both the San Francisco Housing Authority and the Mayor's Office of Housing is working to keep residents living in San Francisco, when new developments are being built in neighborhoods.

Linda Martin-Mason shared that the goal of the modernization team at San Francisco Housing Authority is not to move people out of San Francisco, for example with the current housing development project at Alice Griffith, residents will literally just have to walk across the street from the previous homes to move into the new development. Ms. Martin-Mason also noted that there is a residency hiring requirement at SFHA, where about 25% employees on contractor jobs are actual public housing residents.

Nadiyah Shereff is a Young Adult Advocate at Transitional Age Youth SF. Ms. Shereff was interested in finding out if there were any SFHA policy regarding young adults moving off of their parents lease and into their own public housing, as a way of becoming self sufficient.

Ms. Martin-Mason stated that the question is specifically related to the eligibility department and she is unable to answer on the record without the actual policy in front of her.

Chair LaCroix opened up the floor for discussion amongst her colleagues on the commission.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions on the San Francisco Housing Authority's and the Mayor's Office of Housing's eligibility requirements, how population groups are prioritized, service programs to help residents transition out of public housing, and more specifically to SFHA's placement on the troubled list.

Ms. Martin-Mason stated that the selection of residents comes down to the waitlist process and where a person is on the waitlist, the SFHA does not look at race.

Ms. Romero also shared that the goals of the MOH is to provide housing for those who are most in need, and acknowledged that the LGBTQQ population is large and also needs to be served; however for Fair Housing reasons the LGBTQQ population cannot specifically be on the selection criteria list, though there could be housing with targeted marketing outreach for specific populations.

Ms. Martin-Mason shared with Commissioners that non payment of rent was the biggest reason why SFHA was on the troubled list for so long. She even provided an example of

one development having a 44% rate of non payers. This had been a culture that was created over the years due to including miscommunication, broken trust between tenants and employees, and a variety of other issues. Currently, SFHA's main priority will be making sure that rent is collected, as well as retraining all employees on how to file things correctly, follow proper procedures, and understanding the laws.

Ms. Martin-Mason stated that there are 7 commissioners, with 2 being residents, meeting on every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at 440 Turk St.

Chair LaCroix thanked both Linda Martin-Mason Ombudsman of the San Francisco Housing Authority and Anne Romero, Project Manager of the Mayor's Office of Housing, and invited commissioners to follow up with specific questions at a later date.

C. Presentation & Request for Endorsement from Out of Site Youth Arts Center for 1st Annual Youth Arts Summit
Presenter: Christian Duarte, Out of Site Youth Arts Center

Chair LaCroix welcomed Christian Duarte from the Out of Site Youth Arts Center and gave brief introductory remarks about the Center's interest in asking for the Commission's' endorsement of an upcoming Arts Summit they will be having.

Christian Duarte, a representative of the Out of Site Youth Arts Center's Youth Advisory Board started his presentation by introducing himself and thanking Commissioners for their time. Mr. Duarte then gave a brief overview of the programs and services offered by the Out of Site Youth Arts Center. The center will be putting on the 1st Annual Youth Arts Summit on Sunday, December 11th, 2011 which will take place from 12:00-6:00 p.m. The Youth Arts Summit will be an opportunity to strengthen the center's goals of support and exposing high school aged youth to the arts. The event will be free and open to anyone to attend. Mr. Duarte invited the Youth Commission to attend and present to attendees at the Arts summit.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and commended the Out of Site Youth Arts Center's Youth Advisory Board for their work. Commissioners Ontiveros, Holloway, and Bonner offered their help and support.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Commissioner LaCroix moved to endorse the Out of Site Youth Art Center's 1st Annual Youth Arts Summit. The motion to endorse the Out of Site Youth Art Center's 1st Annual Youth Arts Summit passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes (15)—Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2011-2012 Youth Commission Media and Public Relations Plan
Recommendation by Community Outreach Officer and Staff: Approval
Presenter: Commissioner Tu Mutch, Media and Public Relations Officer
(Document F)

Commissioner Tu Mutch gave an overview of the Media and Public Relations Plan she drafted for the Youth Commission. Commissioner Tu Mutch stated that her main goals were to help her peers on the commission become confident spokespersons for the

commission and for themselves in all media formats, whether it be news, print, video, and the internet. Commissioner Tu Mutch also shared that she will be working on a Youth Commissioner Spotlight for the Facebook page. She then went on to explain the various ways the commission can help promote and make the Youth Commission a household name in San Francisco.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions on televising Youth Commission meetings and shared ideas with one another.

Commissioner Bonner stated that the commission can work with community based organizations that have media programs. Commissioner Carrion agreed and shared that he would be helping Commissioner Tu Mutch in outreaching to local news stations to ask for pro bono air time.

Commissioner Ontiveros stated to his peers on the commission that he felt it was really important for the Youth Commission's meetings be filmed and aired on SFGOV TV, as this was a step towards making the Youth Commission a serious commission. Commissioner Ontiveros felt it would be worth the effort to find a way to have Youth Commission meetings filmed and televised by SFGOVTV, so that other youth and community entities can see that the Youth Commission is out there.

Commissioner Shackelford stated that without knowing where the possibilities of funding and without more research from Commissioner Ontiveros, she is not sure if she would be able to support. She also stated that it is important for the Youth Commission to be seen as efficient, while not costing the City a lot of money, but still getting a lot of good work done.

Chair LaCroix recommended to move forward with this item and adopt it as a living document.

Commissioner Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Carrion, moved to adopt the Media and Public Relations Plan. The motion to adopt the Media and Public Relations plan passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes (14) Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Carrion, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang. Nos (1) – Ontiveros.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Youth Commission Director Yedidia gave commissioners an update on the progress of Free MUNI for youth, which is currently at the stage of planning for conversations with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (where Supervisors Campos and Wiener have a vote) about getting $3.5 million.

Yedidia also gave a report back on the Immigrant Youth Summit that took place on Friday, October 28, 2011. 99 English Language Development and immigrant students from 7 different public high schools came together for a day of speeches, workshops, break out sessions, and more. Commissioner Yang, Ontiveros, and Bonner along with many young people on the Youth Immigration Committee worked overtime to make the day a success.

Yedidia also updated the commission that the cost of televising Youth Commission meetings would be about $23,000 per fiscal year.

Yedidia concluded by sharing with commissioners the news that Chair LaCroix received last week via snail mail a letter from former Commissioner Zukerman which explained that he had resigned from the Youth Commission, effective October 19, 2011. Yedidia said that Youth Commission staff have been in touch with Supervisor Eric Mar about the process of finding another youth to be appointed in the District 1 Youth Commissioner seat as soon as possible and will keep all Commissioners updated.

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 4:00pm-6:00pm, City Hall, room 345 (Document G)

Commissioner Yang updated her colleagues on the Executive Committee work on appointing the NEN awardee. Commissioner Bonner referred commissioners to the attached Youth Commission memo to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor. Commissioner Tu Mutch thanked her peers for approving the Media and Public Relations plan.

B. Youth Justice Issues Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 4:30-6:15pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Ontiveros shared with commissioners information on the committee's upcoming site visit to the Log Cabin Ranch, the committee's finalized policy priorities which included new collaborative efforts to work with the Community Youth Center's Bayview Youth Advocates.

C. Youth Immigration Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 3:30-4:30pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Yang thanked everyone for supporting the Immigrant Youth Summit.

D. Youth City Services Committee (Housing, Transportation and Recreation); next meeting, Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 4:30-6:30pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Baer updated his colleagues on the last committee meeting which included some work in developing policy priorities.

E. Youth Employment Committee; next meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 4:45pm, City Hall, room 345.

Commissioner Armstrong updated her colleagues on the committee's finalized policy priorities, and Commissioner Persky read the committee's mission statement to the record.

F. Student Support, Health and Facilities Committee; next meeting: Friday, December 2, 2011, 4:30-6:30, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

Commissioner Tu Mutch recapped her visit to the Student Support, Health, and Facilities committee, where she gave a presentation on gender neutral and safe bathrooms for LGBTQ gender variant young people in the San Francisco Public High Schools.

G. School District Curriculum and Class Time Issues; next meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 5:30-7:30, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

H. Youth Advisory Council; next meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2011; Dept of Children, Youth and Their Families, 1390 Market St., 9th Floor

Commissioner Shackelford asked her peers for "bring backs" - each Youth Advisory Council member is supposed to relay information of current work and policy priorities to the next YAC meeting.

10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

There was none.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Chan invited commissioners to an upcoming piano recital at the School of the Arts where she will be performing. The event will take place on Friday, December 2, 2011. Chan : piano recital at SOTA, Chan will be playing, in December 2nd, Friday; first Fri of

Commissioner Tu Mutch invited commissioners to celebrate her 21st birthday and Sex Change party on November 16, 2011.

Commissioner Ontiveros announced that Mission Graduates will be having their annual dine out event, where participating restaurants will donate a portion of their profits to help fund programs and services to the organization.

Commissioner Carrion thanked his peers for their good work and encouraged everyone to keep up the positive energy.

Commissioner Armstrong announced that she would be working on a City Wide Suicide Prevention walk with St. Ignatius' students and looked forward to getting support from her peers.

Chair LaCroix announced that she would be speaking about Youth Civic Engagement at Stanford University on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

12. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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SF Youth Commission

San Francisco Youth Commission

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Youth Commission meeting of Monday, November 21, 2011 has been cancelled.

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The Youth Commission will meet next as a full body on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 5:15pm in room 416 of City Hall.

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda

Monday, December 5, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416
There will be public comment on each item.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

   A. Monday, November 7, 2011 (Document A)

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

6. **Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. Presentation and request for endorsement on Youth Advocacy Day
   Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families' Youth Empowerment Fund
   (http://yefsf.org/youthadvocacyday.html)
   (Document B)

   B. Presentation and request for endorsement on Mission SF Federal Credit Union's New Economic Rights for All (New ERA)
   Presenters: New ERA participants
   (Documents C, D)

   C. Presentation and request for feedback on the America's Cup Youth Involvement Plan
   Presenter: Ariel Ungerleider, Community Outreach Manager, America's Cup Event Authority (www.americascup.com)
   (Document E)

   D. Presentation and request for endorsement of the Monster March Against Bullying
   Presenter: Christi O'Connor, Youth Voice (http://www.youthvoicetv.com/)
   (Document F)

7. **Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

   A. [First Reading] Resolution 1112—03—Making TAY a Priority Population
   Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Baer
   Additional presenter: Renee Willette, Mayor's Budget Office
   (Document G)

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

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10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. Commissioner Brodwin, Monday, November 7, 2011

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12. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission
DRAFT Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2011
5:15-8:00pm
City Hall, Room 416

There will be public comment on each item.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair LaCroix called the meeting to order at 5:17p.m.

The roll was called. Commissioners present: Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Yang. There was quorum. Commissioners tardy: Sun. Commissioners absent: Carrion. Staff present: Yedidia, Truong.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Armstrong, seconded by Commissioner Baer, moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. Monday, November 7, 2011 (Document A)

There was no public comment on this item.

Commissioner Persky, seconded by Commissioner Tu Mutch, moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of November 7, 2011. This motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There were none.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

There was none.

7 . Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [First Reading] Resolution 1112—03—Making TAY a Priority Population
Sponsor and Presenter: Commissioner Baer
Additional presenter: Renee Willette, Mayor's Budget Office
(Document G)

Chair LaCroix called item 7A out of order. Chair LaCroix then gave introductory remarks on Commissioner Baer's resolution and laid out the format on how she would like commissioners and the public to proceed with this item. LaCroix also reminded everyone that this was a first reading with an additional presentation from Renee Willette from the Mayor's Budget Office, and time for public comment.

Commissioner Baer gave additional background information on the resolution, and then read the resolution into the public record.

Ms. Willette of the Mayor's Budget Office then introduced herself to Commissioners and gave some updates on how the Mayor's Office has been talking about how to serve transitional aged youth (TAY). She explained that the Mayor's Office has been reaching out to different departments—including the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF), the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, and the Mayor's Office of Housing—about creating a "TAY home" in the City bureaucracy in one of these departments. Ms. Willette stated that the Mayor's Office is looking forward to hearing more about this resolution and is happy to work with the Youth Commission on this issue.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment:

Allison Cohen, Project Manager of Transitional Age Youth—San Francisco (TAYSF), shared her feedback on the resolution. Ms. Cohen suggested adding more statistics on transitional aged youth in San Francisco and offered TAYSF's wealth of data and information on this population. She also suggested that the resolution acknowledge the current good work done to address the needs of TAY by City departments including the Human Services Agency, Department of Public Health, Adult Probation, and Juvenile Probation—in addition to those departments already mentioned in the draft resolution.

Chair LaCroix thanked Renee Willette and Allison Cohen for their time and thoughts, and invited everyone to bring suggestions to the Youth Commission's Youth City Services committee, as commissioners continue their work on this TAY resolution.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

C. Presentation and request for feedback on the America's Cup Youth Involvement Plan
Presenter: Ariel Ungerleider, Community Outreach Manager, America's Cup Event Authority (www.americascup.com)
(Document E)

Chair LaCroix called item 6C out of order and then welcomed Ariel Ungerleider, Community Outreach Manager of the America's Cup Event Authority, and Adam van de Water, Assistant Project Director of the 34th America's Cup in the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, to the Youth Commission meeting.

Ms. Ungerleider started the presentation with some background and contextual information on the America's Cup Youth Involvement Plan. The Youth Involvement Plan is a draft and noted that items included in the plan are still broad. Ms. Ungerleider stated that she looks

forward to receiving feedback and having a more thorough response from the Youth Commission on the plan.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about transportation, youth employment, and collaboration with other city departments.

Ms. Ungerleider shared that the ACEA was working closely with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Peter Albert, and looking at how to support transit services for both tourists and San Francisco residents attending the event. ACEA planned on leveraging existing programs in San Francisco to ensure outreach to all youth, and is working with a number of departments, including the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families. Ms. Ungerleider was not able to confirm what the funding would be like for youth related activities, as the ACEA was still going through an environmental review process, but she would note all feedback from commissioners.

Mario Yedidia, Director of the Youth Commission, asked for an estimated dollar amount associated with the America's Cup.

Mr. van de Water stated that based on an economic study commissioned last July and given the history of the America's Cup events at other cities, the estimated economic impact of the America's Cup was $1.4 billion dollars; the event would also create an estimated 8,800 jobs which includes construction of the venue, event production, sponsorship, caterers, tourism, and more.

Public Comment

Raquel Medina of the Mission SF Federal Credit Union's New Economic Rights for ALL (New ERA) campaign, asked Commissioners to think about the ways that the ACEA would market the different job opportunities given the economic environment of the city.

Jocelyn Aldana suggested to the ACEA that the job applications be distributed online and offline.

Jessica, a leader in Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth's Youth Making a Change (YMAC) group, asked Commissioners to make sure the Youth Involvement Plan will prioritize the employment needs of youth from working class backgrounds.

Mari Villaluna, Youth Making a Change (YMAC) staff and a former Youth Commissioner, shared her concerns about the ACEA. She asked Commissioners to think about how the America's Cup event will impact the lives of youth, using as an example, the likely increase in police presence at the event. Ms. Villaluna suggested that any classes offered at the event be free for youth and urged Commissioners to thoroughly read through the Youth Involvement Plan and respond accordingly.

Jeron Martin, a Juma Ventures staffer, gave background information about his organization, which seeks to employ and work with youth in preparing them for college and building financial skills. Mr. Martin shared with commissioners that he looked forward to the opportunities offered by this event, but suggested that the ACEA look into the scheduling of the event and how it will affect youth who are in school.

Bryant Tan, Youth Empowerment Fund Manager at the City's Department of Children,

Youth, and their Families (DCYF), stated that while DCYF is the primary funder of youth activities and programs in San Francisco, the department currently does not have a budget allocated at this time for any youth related activities during the America's Cup. Mr. Tan welcomed commissioners to speak with him on any issues around jobs and opportunities for youth.

Winston Parsons of the Presidio YMCA Bicycle Program asked that the ACEA make the event a bicycle friendly event.

Chair LaCroix then opened up the floor for discussion among her colleagues on the commission.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions on the America's Cup expected economic impact to be spent on the city. Commissioner Ontiveros stated that for the America's Cup to be a real youth friendly event, the additional police officers expected to be hired at this event, should be trained properly on how to interact with youth (which are laid out in Police Department General Order 7.01).

Chair LaCroix thanked both Ariel Ungerleider, Community Outreach Manager of the America's Cup Event Authority and Adam van de Water, Assistant Project Director of 34th America's Cup, Office of Economic Workforce and Development, and invited commissioners to attend the Youth Employment Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, where members will be reading through and writing a response to the Youth Involvement Plan.

A. Presentation and request for endorsement on Youth Advocacy Day
   Presenter: Nayad Abrahamian, Youth Advocacy Coordinator, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families' Youth Empowerment Fund
   (http://yefsf.org/youthadvocacyday.html)
   (Document B)

   Chair LaCroix welcomed Nayad Abrahamian; Youth Advocacy Coordinator from the Department of Children, Youth and their Families' Youth Empowerment Fund and gave brief background context about Ms. Abrahamian's interest in asking for the Commission's endorsement of the 3rd annual Youth Advocacy Day.

   Nayad Abrahamian introduced herself as the Youth Advocacy Coordinator from the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families and thanked Commissioners for their time. Ms. Abrahamian started the presentation by stating the main theme of the event which is to bring youth voice to city government. The youth led event is set for Thursday, March 12, 2012. In past Youth Advocacy Days, the Youth Commission has always been a strong partner.

   Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

   Chair LaCroix shared with her commissioners that an Ad Hoc Committee should be set up for commissioners interested in helping to plan Youth Advocacy Day. Commissioners interested in joining the committee include Bonner, Shackelford, Chan, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Holloway, Armstrong, Liang, and LaCroix.

   Commissioner Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker moved to endorse the Youth Advocacy Day. The motion to endorse the Youth Advocacy Day passed by the

following roll call vote: Ayes (15)—Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang.

B. Presentation and request for endorsement on Mission SF Federal Credit Union's New Economic Rights for All (New ERA)
Presenters: New ERA participants
(Documents C, D)

Chair LaCroix welcomed participants from Mission SF Federal Credit Union's New Economic Rights for All program and thanked them for coming to the Youth Commission meeting.

The participants started their presentation by giving some background context as this particular group of students marked the 2nd generation of New ERA participants. New ERA participants consisted of high school students joining together on mission to motivate economic mobility and promoting financial stability to communities of color.

The major goals of educating financial literacy to communities who were negatively impacted by pay day lenders. Strategies included providing workshops to inform teens and adults about pay day lenders, creating a warning label to help limit the use of pay day lenders, and to continue to research the city of San Francisco's policies on pay day lenders. New ERA participants then lead commissioners on a detailed mini workshop on what pay day lenders are, the debt cycle of low income communities, and the negative impacts.

At the end of the presentation, Commissioners asked clarifying questions and commended the New ERA participants for their work.

Commissioner Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Baer moved to endorse the Mission SF Federal Credit Union's new Economic Rights for All program. The motion to endorse the Mission SF Federal Credit Union's new Economic Rights for All passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes (15)-Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, Yang.

8A Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Chair LaCroix called item 8A out of order as the presenters for item 6D had not arrived yet.

Youth Commission Director Yedidia informed the commissioners of the Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting set for Thursday, December 8th, 2011 at 10AM; where there will be hearings where public comment on Free MUNI for Youth would be appropriate. Mr. Yedidia shared that he and Ms. Truong will be video recording public comment from any commissioners interested in providing commentary at the meeting.

Mr. Yedidia reminded Commissioners to complete the Sexual Harassment training required by the Department of Human Resources. The deadline to print out and turn in the certificate of completion to Youth Commission staff was December 16th, 2011.

Mr. Yedidia also reminded Commissioners of the upcoming midyear retreat set for the weekend of January 21st and 22nd, 2012, from 9am-6pm. Ms. Truong passed out fliers to the upcoming Out of Site Youth Arts Summit to commissioners to distribute at their schools.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about the midyear retreat.

9A Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

Chair LaCroix called item 9A out of the order as the presenter for item 6D had not yet arrived.

A. Executive Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 4:00pm-6:00pm, City Hall, room 345A

Vice Chair Yang reminded her colleagues on the Commission to check the Youth Commission's Facebook page for Commissioner Bonner's work on reading and posting the Legislation Introduced; and to respond to emails from Commissioner Brodwin with regards to the Community Outreach plan; and to continue to follow through with Commissioner Tu Mutch's Media and Public Affairs plan.

B. Youth Justice Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 4:30-6:15pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Ontiveros shared with his colleagues the committee's work with the Community Youth Center's Bayview Youth Advocates on a resolution; and the committee's planned field trip to Log Cabin Ranch set for Thursday, December 8th, 2011.

C. Youth Immigration Committee; next meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 3:30-4:30pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Yang updated her colleagues on her November presentation to the Board of Education about the Immigrant Youth Summit and the Youth Immigration Committee's plans and goals.

D. Youth City Services Committee (Housing, Transportation and Recreation); next meeting, Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 4:30-6:30pm, City Hall, room 345

Commissioner Baer updated his colleagues on plans to continue work on the TAY resolution and shared that Allison Cohen, Project Manager at TAY will be attending the committee meeting to help out with the resolution.

E. Youth Employment Committee; next meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 4:45pm, City Hall, room 345.

Commissioner Armstrong updated her colleagues on the last committee meeting and urged commissioners to join the next meeting as members will be looking over the America's Cup Youth Involvement Plan.

F. Student Support, Health and Facilities Committee; next meeting: Friday, December 9, 2011, 5:30-7:00, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

Commissioner Bonner shared that she will be attending the next meeting.

G. School District Curriculum and Class Time Issues; next meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 5:30-7:00, 555 Franklin St., 3rd Floor

H. Youth Advisory Council

Commissioner Persky updated his peers on the last Youth Advisory Council meeting and shared that he and his fellows YACers on the commission have noted all commission business and will be sharing them as "bring backs" at the next Youth Advisory Council meeting.

10. Attendance Review (Action Item)

A. Commissioner Brodwin, Monday, November 7, 2011

Commissioner Brodwin stated that she had a family emergency at the last Youth Commission meeting and was not able to attend.

Commissioner Ontiveros, seconded by Commissioner LaCroix moved to authorize the absence of Commissioner Brodwin on November 7th, 2011. The motion to authorize the absence of Commissioner Brodwin on November 7th, 2011 passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes (15)-Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun, and Yang.

Director Yedidia then shared with Commissioners a message Commissioner Carrion requested to be read into the public record:

Dear fellow Youth Commissioners, Phimy, and Mario:
I am sorry to let you know that I will not make it to tonight's meeting (12-5-2011). I have my finals coming up and it is imperative to my success, as well as my future, that I accomplish my work excellently. I have some projects that I want to get out of the way and I will use 1 of my 3 allowed, excused absences to do so.
I am well aware of the fact that most of us on the commission, if not all of us, also have finals this week or the next, and thus might feel bothered about my absence. Nevertheless, I am deeply apologetic for this but it is in my best interest that I use my absence wisely.
-Thank you all and hope to see you soon!

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Tu Mutch invited her colleagues to an event she is planning called "Homo for the Holidays" at the LGBT Center on December 20th, 2011 from 5:00-8:00p.m. There will be food, prizes, and raffles. The event is free and for youth up to age 24.

Commission Chan shared with her colleagues the Falling Whistles campaign to raise

awareness on the war in Congo. She asked commissioners to look up more information on it and become involved. Commission Chan also invited commissioners to the upcoming School of the Arts choir concert on Friday, December 9th, 2011.

Mr. Yedidia shared with commissioners that the office has received COMP tickets to a show at the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre; these tickets are a gift to the Youth Commission from the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, who would like to encourage more youth attendance at their shows. However, Mr. Yedidia will have to check with the City Attorney first to see if it clears the statement of incompatible activities before handing them out to commissioners.

Chair LaCroix then called the meeting to recess at 7:23 p.m.

Chair LaCroix called the meeting back to order at 7:30 p.m.

6D. Presentation and request for endorsement of the Monster March Against Bullying
Presenter: Christi O'Connor, Youth Voice (http://www.youthvoicetv.com/)
(Document F)

The presenters for item 6D had arrived and Chair LaCroix welcomed Christi O'Connor of the Monster March against Bullying to the Youth Commission meeting.

Christi O'Connor gave some background information on YouthVoice, a teen to teen broadcast network, set in Santa Rosa, California, to train teenagers on media and interview skills, to work on issues that affect self esteem. Ms. O'Connor shared with commissioners that the teen network is run by teen for teens. She explained that the Monster March against Bullying campaign came about because the topic of bullying became the biggest issue teens called in to Youth Voice about. She shared that in the last three years, about 68 students have committed suicide in the U.S. Youth Voice then decided to get involved and start a campaign against bullying, with an invitation to the celebrity Lady Gaga to attend the Monster March against Bullying.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions on the level of involvement requested from the Commission, to the main goals of the event and campaign.

Ms. O'Connor shared that she would love to learn more about how the Commission interfaced with youth, as outreach to youth, through the internet from now until the event in June, would be best. Youth Commissioners can also join one of the committees to help organize the march. Ms. O'Connor would be sending emails out to all commissioners with more information on how to join the committees.

Ms. O'Connor stated that the ultimate goal is to march along downtown San Francisco with teens raising awareness about bullying along the route. The goal is to gather thousands of solutions from teens on how to stop bullying and pitch the ideas to President Obama; and for the event to encourage youth to be the key critical part of solving their own issues.

Commissioners continued to ask clarifying questions of the event and discussed amongst each other the importance of whom and what they choose to endorse, as well as their level of involvement after an endorsement. Commissioners debated on how

effective this event would be on raising awareness around bullying, when there was no information on plans to work on policy work around teen bullying after the event.

Commissioner Shackelford shared with her colleagues that the event will continue with or without the Youth Commission's support, and urged commissioners to support it so that they can include their own input and perspective to the event.

Ms. O'Connor offered her own personal experiences in putting together this campaign against bullying, and urged commissioners to support the campaign, as she relied on commissioner's support to lead this movement. Ms. O'Connor welcomed feedback and suggestions from commissioners in planning this event.

Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Baer moved to support the Monster March against Bullying with an amendment that the Youth Commission would continue to work with campaign and infuse the goals and values of the commission into the event.

Commissioner Tu Mutch, moved to support with an amendment that the Monster March against Bullying include an anti bullying curriculum for teachers and students to use in schools, seconded by Chair LaCroix. This motion failed based on the following roll call vote: Ayes (7) –Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, Ontiveros, Yang. Nays (8) – Armstrong, Baer, Bonner, Brodwin, Liang, Persky, Shackelford, Sun.

Chair LaCroix then called the basic motion to support the Monster March Against Bullying. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: Ayes (11)-Armstrong, Baer, Brodwin, Chan, Holloway, LaCroix, Liang, Ontiveros, Persky, Shackelford, Sun. Nayes (4)-Bonner, Marshall-Fricker, Tu Mutch, and Yang.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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